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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						Popula- tion— Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1943.
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 31st December, 1946.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,470,070	1,472,119	2,942,189	1,398,000
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	1,008,254	1,037,413	2,045,667	1,170,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	565,380	532,945	1,098,325	370,500
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	317,584	324,333	641,917	362,500
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	257,663	240,483	498,146	263,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	127,567	126,024	253,591	70,800
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,059	1,262	5,321	(a)
A.C.T.	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,461	7,777	15,238	12,200
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,758,038	3,742,356	7,500,394	3,647,000 (b)

(a) Not available.

(b) Excludes Darwin, N.T.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1940	2,782,846	1,918,217	1,031,471	599,363	472,620	243,343	6,299	14,085	7,068,244
1943	2,851,223	1,985,916	1,056,883	618,064	481,676	243,670	5,133	14,200	7,256,765
1944	2,881,306	2,002,868	1,070,319	624,924	487,431	246,171	5,188	14,494	7,332,701
1945	2,912,983	2,020,630	1,086,628	632,609	492,018	249,414	5,242	14,804	7,414,328
1946	2,942,189	2,045,667	1,098,325	641,917	498,146	253,591	5,321	15,238	7,500,394

(a) Populations shown prior to 1938 have been adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1940	2,772,132	1,903,702	1,026,099	599,103	470,906	240,438	6,255	13,556	7,032,191
1943	2,838,426	1,977,329	1,049,570	615,257	480,125	242,329	5,076	14,202	7,222,314
1944	2,866,586	1,994,478	1,063,651	621,378	484,535	244,967	5,159	14,346	7,295,100
1945	2,897,526	2,011,878	1,078,530	628,913	489,803	247,803	5,217	14,643	7,374,313
1946	2,925,179	2,031,235	1,091,892	636,753	494,342	251,272	5,256	14,997	7,450,926

(a) Populations shown prior to 1938 have been adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

NOTE.—The population estimates for the years 1939 onward include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas, but exclude members of Allied Services, and prisoners of war and internees from overseas.

Owing to troop movements records of interstate migration are unsatisfactory, and estimates of State populations since the commencement of the war are still subject to adjustment for interstate migration.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1946.

New South Wales	10,030	9,368	19,398	3,817	3,073	6,890	8,075
Victoria..	7,351	7,036	14,387	2,967	2,546	5,513	5,731
Queensland ..	3,754	3,539	7,293	1,463	1,043	2,506	2,906
South Australia ..	2,462	2,369	4,831	896	742	1,638	1,743
Western Australia	1,979	1,845	3,824	635	486	1,121	1,394
Tasmania ..	1,106	982	2,088	324	292	616	692
Northern Territory	22	15	37	13	3	16	16
Australian Capital Territory ..	73	85	158	6	11	17	50
Australia ..	26,777	25,239	52,016	10,121	8,196	18,317	20,607

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1946.

New South Wales	34,689	32,558	67,247	16,038	12,541	28,579	31,684
Victoria..	24,119	22,574	46,693	11,280	10,254	21,534	21,405
Queensland ..	13,888	13,136	27,024	6,206	4,442	10,648	11,666
South Australia ..	8,106	7,707	15,813	3,483	2,978	6,461	6,700
Western Australia	6,285	5,820	12,105	2,791	1,962	4,753	5,171
Tasmania ..	3,572	3,302	6,874	1,395	1,154	2,549	2,650
Northern Territory	66	66	132	46	9	55	63
Australian Capital Territory ..	254	264	518	44	38	82	157
Australia ..	90,979	85,427	176,406	41,283	33,378	74,661	79,496

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	52,647	57,265	59,612	61,662	67,247
Victoria ..	30,344	35,927	39,117	39,358	41,200	46,693
Queensland ..	18,992	21,166	23,234	24,520	26,713	27,024
South Australia ..	9,410	11,278	13,145	13,311	14,033	15,813
Western Australia..	9,141	9,901	10,481	10,870	10,672	12,105
Tasmania ..	4,907	5,305	5,597	5,200	5,785	6,874
Northern Territory	102	92	80	89	90	132
Australian Capital Territory	200	392	376	384	405	518
Australia ..	120,415	136,708	149,295	153,344	160,560	176,406

Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	17.39	18.70	20.17	20.80	21.28	22.99
Victoria	16.25	18.30	19.78	19.73	20.48	22.99
Queensland	18.98	20.40	22.14	23.05	24.77	24.75
South Australia	15.88	18.47	21.37	21.42	22.31	24.83
Western Australia	19.87	20.70	21.83	22.43	21.79	24.49
Tasmania	20.82	22.06	23.10	21.23	23.35	27.36
Northern Territory	17.81	18.90	15.76	17.25	17.25	25.11
Australian Capital Territory	17.98	26.87	26.48	26.77	27.66	34.54
Australia	17.46	19.08	20.67	21.02	21.77	23.68

DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales	26,105	29,219	28,870	26,652	26,994	28,579
Victoria	18,955	21,973	21,327	20,502	20,496	21,534
Queensland	9,201	9,622	10,576	9,385	9,459	10,648
South Australia	5,539	6,712	6,482	5,984	6,049	6,461
Western Australia	4,234	5,076	4,587	4,478	4,712	4,753
Tasmania	2,288	2,430	2,527	2,494	2,413	2,549
Northern Territory	69	83	49	31	35	55
Australian Capital Territory	60	76	68	70	73	82
Australia	66,451	75,191	74,486	69,596	70,231	74,661

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	9.59	10.38	10.17	9.30	9.32	9.77
Victoria	10.15	11.19	10.79	10.28	10.19	10.60
Queensland	9.19	9.28	10.08	8.82	8.77	9.75
South Australia	9.35	10.99	10.54	9.63	9.62	10.15
Western Australia	9.20	10.61	9.55	9.24	9.62	9.61
Tasmania	9.71	10.10	10.43	10.18	9.74	10.14
Northern Territory	12.05	17.05	9.65	6.01	6.71	10.46
Australian Capital Territory	5.39	5.21	4.79	4.88	4.99	5.47
Australia	9.64	10.49	10.31	9.54	9.52	10.02

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	24,579	34,533	26,302	26,426	25,283	31,684
Victoria	17,113	23,636	18,356	17,857	16,501	21,405
Queensland	8,853	11,722	9,979	11,325	9,905	11,666
South Australia	5,489	8,129	6,263	6,019	5,321	6,700
Western Australia	4,153	5,441	4,528	4,506	3,788	5,171
Tasmania	2,082	2,431	2,102	1,935	1,868	2,650
Northern Territory	67	53	46	31	48	63
Australian Capital Territory	75	115	97	102	108	157
Australia	62,411	86,060	67,673	68,201	62,822	79,496

Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	9.03	12.26	9.27	9.22	8.73	10.83
Victoria	9.16	12.04	9.28	8.95	8.20	10.54
Queensland	8.85	11.30	9.51	10.65	9.18	10.68
South Australia	9.26	13.32	10.18	9.69	8.46	10.52
Western Australia	9.03	11.38	9.43	9.30	7.73	10.46
Tasmania	8.83	10.11	8.67	7.90	7.54	10.55
Northern Territory	11.70	10.89	9.06	6.01	9.20	11.99
Australian Capital Territory	6.74	7.88	6.83	7.11	7.38	10.47
Australia	9.05	12.01	9.37	9.35	8.52	10.67

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	2,116	2,072	1,829	1,889	2,032
Victoria	1,038	1,497	1,399	1,258	1,155	1,268
Queensland	784	736	878	768	795	791
South Australia	287	448	482	387	394	428
Western Australia	309	365	342	354	315	376
Tasmania	195	225	227	199	159	207
Northern Territory	6	4	6	2	5	4
Australian Capital Territory	8	9	7	9	5	10
Australia	4,607	5,400	5,413	4,806	4,717	5,116

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	40.19	36.18	30.68	30.63	30.22
Victoria	34.21	41.67	35.76	31.96	28.03	27.16
Queensland	41.28	34.77	37.79	31.32	29.76	29.27
South Australia	30.50	39.72	36.67	29.07	28.08	27.07
Western Australia	33.80	36.86	32.63	32.57	29.52	31.06
Tasmania	39.74	42.41	40.56	38.27	27.48	30.11
Northern Territory	58.82	43.48	75.00	22.47	55.56	30.30
Australian Capital Territory	40.00	22.96	18.62	23.44	12.35	19.31
Australia	38.26	39.50	36.26	31.34	29.38	29.00

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

Figures to 1933 adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Period.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	—10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45 ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,931	2,194	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	—2,183
1945 ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	—2,629
1946 ..	17,782	17,108	34,890	23,081	26,957	50,038	—15,148

(a) Excludes troop movements 1939 and onward.
over arrivals.

Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.^(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to Nationality or Race of Persons who arrived or departed.

Nationality or Race.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended Dec-ember, 1946.	Year 1945.	Year 1946.	Quarter ended Dec-ember, 1946.	Year 1945.	Year 1946.
European—						
American (U.S.) ..	613	674	1,857	402	754	3,363
British (b) (Native born) ..	10,209	12,319	27,789	9,640	16,010	37,295
Danish	34	25	73	33	35	107
Dutch	148	1,257	1,379	1,034	204	5,609
Finnish	1	2	5	4	1	11
French	258	343	586	209	352	600
German	139	47	296	93	46	236
Greek	166	9	218	24	11	47
Italian	9	15	27	64	44	137
Norwegian	15	32	59	10	20	97
Polish	226	42	346	35	36	119
Russian	88	69	175	25	49	151
Swedish	7	16	23	10	20	52
Swiss	13	34	42	17	26	97
Yugoslav	38	5	93	47	3	53
Other	260	74	629	90	80	296
Total European ..	12,224	14,963	33,597	11,737	17,691	48,270
Non-European—						
Chinese	218	149	452	328	50	768
East Indian (natives) ..	16	31	21	7	107	252
Filipino .. ..	..	10	4	2	10	9
Indian and Cingalese ..	91	145	511	136	94	547
Japanese .. ..	..	1	3	11	..	13
Malay .. ..	..	..	6	10	1	57
Thai	9	1	10	13	..	15
Syrian	19	3	25	10	2	11
Other Asiatic	147	37	204	27	18	67
Papuan	1	1	27	5	6	5
Polynesian, Melanesian ..	3	17	20	1	18	14
Other Non-European ..	..	18	10	4	8	10
Total Non-European ..	504	413	1,293	554	314	1,768
GRAND TOTAL ..	12,728	15,376	34,890	12,291	18,005	50,038

^(a) Excludes troop movements.^(b) Includes Maltese and Cypriote.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES according to the Country of Embarkation or Disembarkation.

Country.	Arrivals.			Departures.		
	Quarter ended Dec-ember, 1946.	Year 1945.	Year 1946.	Quarter ended Dec-ember, 1946.	Year 1945.	Year 1946.
Great Britain	4,165	2,199	10,852	2,455	7,191	9,638
Canada	431	90	524	477	111	593
Fiji	136	71	561	131	108	281
Hong Kong	385	429	937	438	27	1,377
India and Ceylon	355	1,021	1,371	381	1,100	1,399
New Guinea, Territory of ..	304	571	586	828	246	1,690
New Zealand	3,227	5,076	9,733	2,964	4,215	10,627
Norfolk Island	23	95	76	56	114	188
Papua	348	282	741	573	444	2,084
Solomon Islands .. ..	..	8	1	..	10	43
South Africa, Union of ..	318	478	479	378	405	933
Straits Settlements ..	756	874	2,144	838	66	2,529
Other British Possessions ..	392	59	743	145	126	487
Total, British Countries	10,840	11,253	28,748	9,664	14,163	31,869
China	123	..	288	56	10	199
Egypt	7	1	54	11	16	33
France	186	..	195	24	..	110
Germany .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy	11	5	19	24	..	53
Japan	16	75	37	50	..	110
Netherlands East Indies ..	163	1,039	954	1,045	335	2,378
New Caledonia	215	286	461	204	309	390
Philippine Islands	80	656	285	52	124	324
South Sea Islands	71	150	166	40	171	221
United States of America ..	684	1,754	3,026	899	2,673	10,003
Other Foreign Countries ..	332	157	657	222	204	4,348
Total Foreign Countries	1,888	4,123	6,142	2,627	3,842	18,169
GRAND TOTAL ..	12,728	15,376	34,890	12,291	18,005	50,038

(a) Excludes troop movements.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,902,212
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,430	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46(a) ..	11,425,384	1,949,047	235,729	2,757,236	336,960	20,422,308

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44 ..	109,719,577	17,711,918	7,432,618	2,716,872	3,687,981	523,865
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	669,943
1945-46(a) ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,718,040	663,903

(a) Subject to revision.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44 ..	13.93	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29
1944-45 ..	6.25	4.41	25.15	0.83	20.31	2.96
1945-46(b) ..	12.46	13.22	24.30	1.27	20.02	2.82

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

(b) Subject to revision.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39 ..	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1942-43 ..	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44 ..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,302	1,533,816	1,567,016	4,839	1,418	7,875,121
1944-45 ..	2,844,804	2,141,729	332,365	1,623,145	1,515,762	3,832	1,514	8,463,151
1945-46(a) ..	3,773,901	3,251,393	392,502	2,165,004	1,835,780	4,982	1,822	11,425,384
1946-47(a) ..	3,994,522	3,425,303	100,000	2,600,000	2,400,000	4,321	2,000	12,526,146

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1942-43	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983
1943-44	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,084,292	20,690,471	16,550,000	122,141	39,351	109,719,577
1944-45	17,133,870	3,497,677	6,980,766	9,244,211	15,928,774	92,650	1,854	52,879,802
1945-46a	62,520,000	29,633,760	8,187,687	21,033,841	20,929,000	66,637	38,631	142,409,556
1946-47a	16,000,000	47,000,000	1,000,000	28,150,000	24,200,000	100,000	40,000	116,490,000

(a) Subject to revision.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.07	13.49	10.56	25.24	27.75	13.93
1944-45	6.02	1.63	21.00	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.25
1945-46a	16.57	9.11	20.86	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1946-47a	4.05	13.72	10.00	10.83	10.08	23.14	20.00	9.30

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
HORSES.									
1939	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,082	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	a 43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944c	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	a 30,534	1,151	1,449,199
1945c	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,885	a 31,803	1,091	1,359,205
1946c	403,645	232,473	367,357	115,949	88,180	24,863	a 31,883	1,048	1,265,398

CATTLE.

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,661	a 978,434	6,967	14,005,320
1944c	3,143,378	2,013,033	6,524,553	414,997	870,939	230,127	a 978,569	8,083	14,183,679
1945c	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,623,112	391,323	852,563	224,668	a 984,370	9,820	14,133,167
1946c	3,116,834	1,827,087	6,542,210	374,096	833,567	216,306	a 960,039	7,867	13,878,006

SHEEP.

1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,549	111,057,832
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	2,398,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943c	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	a 34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944c	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,799	a 25,575	274,642	123,173,962
1945c	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	a 29,269	250,778	105,370,865
1946c	44,076,000	14,655,277	18,943,762	6,780,538	9,765,933	1,925,604	a 18,561	224,680	96,396,405

PIGS.

1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	(a) 418	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	(a) 532	779	1,563,008
1944c	561,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	(a) 191	657	1,746,721
1945c	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	(a) 146	689	1,630,855
1946c	432,612	271,887	415,411	119,986	137,872	46,915	(a) 407	619	1,425,709

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March; 1946 figures subject to revision.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1939-40..	546,273	179,126	a 195,770	105,266	80,657	18,334	35	2,233	1,127,694
1940-41..	536,908	187,831	a 214,704	106,647	76,170	17,078	308	2,128	1,141,774
1941-42..	547,000	212,919	204,119	105,124	78,500	16,985	308	2,203	1,167,158
1942-43..	497,538	212,325	213,966	108,637	99,231	17,256	308	1,905	1,151,166
1943-44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,913	1,169,016
1944-45..	448,683	177,143	178,719	106,708	86,841	16,324	308	1,763	1,016,489
1945-46(c)	431,549	152,398	170,000	73,500	86,986	16,338	155	1,960	932,886

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1940-41 ..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42 ..	39,831	62,864	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,631
1942-43 ..	43,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	4,505	6	171,237
1943-44 ..	41,231	49,838	45,996	8,841	6,573	3,799	4	156,282
1944-45 ..	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,940	4,091	3	141,963
1945-46(a) ..	34,946	50,539	45,787	8,532	5,926	4,314	3	150,047

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1940-41 ..	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42 ..	2,348	10,054	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,143
1942-43 ..	2,350	11,280	12,741	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,134
1943-44 ..	2,467	11,902	10,737	8,806	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944-45 ..	2,005	12,260	10,104	8,244	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46(a) ..	2,218	15,086	11,748	10,066	820	1,189	..	41,127

BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1940-41 ..	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42 ..	15,293	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1	42,464
1942-43 ..	15,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	46,802
1943-44 ..	13,913	9,687	11,958	4,605	4,358	1,202	..	45,723
1944-45 ..	20,148	12,103	13,298	4,544	5,007	1,190	..	56,290
1945-46(a) ..	17,409	8,534	11,156	5,216	4,888	1,254	..	48,457

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	217,256
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	1,212,006	19,720	287,729	15,871,976	3,501	242,729
1941 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	1,475,707	20,859	289,436	15,412,581	3,494	248,844
1942 ..	1,153,787	14,903,489	1,557,641	20,402	263,183	14,241,811	2,931	221,834
1943 ..	751,279	14,192,942	1,399,306	24,326	206,376	10,329,830	2,635	182,841
1944 ..	656,867	13,756,089	1,305,357	28,056	189,485	9,365,726	2,547	174,358
1945 ..	657,212	12,853,821	1,117,709	24,520	164,741	8,076,740	2,282	150,313
1946(d)	824,480	13,886,034	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Not yet available. (d) Subject to revision.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1942 ..	807,436	1,060,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,806	191,855	126,035	12,060,166
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,657	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864
1944 ..	657,163	568,305	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,381
1945 ..	461,303	661,430	676,712	2,970	5,012,225	139,573	76,800	7,031,013
1946 ..	344,497	936,262	675,164	6,760	6,640,075	165,334	105,376	8,873,468

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860
1942 ..	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	477	23,916	358,966	..	5,588,557
1943 ..	3,752,672	2,278	230,837	62	16,475	333,058	..	4,335,382
1944 ..	4,068,935	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	..	4,414,682
1945 ..	4,625,665	1,622	17,788	601	22,757	259,560	..	4,927,993

(a) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879
1943 ..	379,800	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,393	2,194,574
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,878	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,000	..	1,500,662	11,674	364	403,294	3,811	2,284,805

TIN.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,627	896,017
1943 ..	403,320	14,162	167,176	10	2,315	246,218	5,594	838,795
1944 ..	309,860	12,335	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929
1945 ..	291,788	9,869	207,948	..	4,370	240,369	5,026	759,370

COAL (Black and Brown).								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,693,231	1,650	461,495	108,241	..	12,622,786
1943 ..	9,290,095	958,024	1,824,591	..	489,721	117,361	..	12,679,792
1944 ..	9,206,063	974,237	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	..	12,683,787
1945 ..	8,694,168	1,135,759	1,759,311	14,503	572,896	125,719	..	12,302,361

ALL MINERALS.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,688
1942 ..	16,258,694	1,980,972	5,023,495	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181
1943 ..	15,968,578	1,593,994	4,214,525	3,070,716	6,383,755	2,378,533	130,795	33,740,896
1944 ..	16,153,800	1,602,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,667,497	2,220,136	126,025	33,178,316
1945(a)	16,013,502	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,225,334	5,804,238	1,934,066	178,097	32,340,738

(a) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1941-42.(a)	1942-43.(a)	1943-44.(a)	1944-45.(a)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	41,679	41,571	62,411	78,153	81,773	72,049
Pastoral ..	63,821	83,952	85,358	101,014	108,406	98,374
Dairying ..	33,782	35,706	34,344	42,244	44,823	46,183
Poultry ..	7,302	6,264	6,505	10,537	12,727	14,800
Bee-farming ..	123	309	408	323	393	517
Total Rural ..	146,707	167,802	189,026	232,271	248,122	231,923
Trapping ..	1,422	3,720	5,046	3,550	6,684	6,207
Forestry ..	7,780	9,196	10,051	10,590	11,224	11,259
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,668	1,773	1,930	1,968	2,235
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	32,365	33,410	30,767	27,459	26,831
Total Non-Rural ..	38,232	46,949	50,280	46,837	47,335	46,532
Total All Primary ..	184,939	214,751	239,306	279,108	295,457	278,455
Factories ..	203,416	257,914	316,438	352,002	366,236	362,284
Total All Industries ..	388,355	472,665	555,744	631,110	661,693	640,739

(a) Revised since previous issue.

Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—continued.
PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1941-42 (a)	1942-43 (a)	1943-44 (a)	1944-45 (a)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agricultural ..	6 0 4	5 17 8	8 15 0	10 17 5	11 5 5	9 16 5
Pastoral ..	9 4 3	11 17 7	11 19 5	14 1 0	14 18 10	13 8 2
Dairying ..	4 17 6	5 1 1	4 16 3	5 17 5	6 3 7	6 6 0
Poultry ..	1 1 1	0 17 9	0 18 2	1 9 5	1 15 0	2 0 5
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 0 10	0 1 2	0 0 9	0 1 0	0 1 5
Total Rural ..	21 3 6	23 14 11	26 10 0	32 6 0	34 3 10	31 12 5
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 10 6	0 14 2	0 9 9	0 18 5	0 17 0
Forestry ..	1 2 6	1 6 0	1 8 3	1 9 5	1 11 0	1 10 10
Fisheries ..	0 4 9	0 4 9	0 5 0	0 5 5	0 5 5	0 6 0
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	4 11 7	4 13 7	4 5 7	3 15 7	3 13 2
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 12 10	7 1 0	6 10 2	6 10 5	6 7 0
Total All Primary	26 13 10	30 7 9	33 11 0	38 16 2	40 14 3	37 19 5
Factories ..	29 7 3	36 9 10	44 7 2	48 18 10	50 9 2	49 8 0
Total All Industries	56 1 1	66 17 7	77 18 2	87 15 0	91 3 5	87 7 5

(a) Revised since previous issue.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43	26,414	759,045	208,866,843	344,559,273	472,720,078	352,002,056	850,348,656
1943-44	27,674	766,506	216,873,819	353,139,374	493,923,060	366,235,487	891,739,216
1944-45	28,930	750,579	207,651,800	366,497,167	496,888,671	362,283,355	886,004,777
1945-46c	31,046	753,427	205,838,374	369,632,494	488,426,065	354,356,267	869,387,530

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Preliminary; subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,006	15,699,921
5. „ materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. „ production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. „ output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. „ land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127
1943-44.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,755	9,317	2,652	2,149	1,807	994	27,674
2. Hands employed(a) ..	323,032	261,331	64,682	69,569	28,101	19,791	766,506
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	93,518,326	73,961,193	18,071,689	18,711,413	7,417,595	5,193,603	216,873,819
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,808,040	6,826,742	2,162,113	2,436,049	1,503,344	844,381	26,580,609
5. „ materials used £	223,603,640	154,490,654	57,945,796	36,730,842	15,193,718	10,958,410	498,923,060
6. „ production .. £	162,726,010	123,330,518	30,210,528	28,411,486	12,511,526	9,045,419	366,235,487
7. „ output of fact's. £	399,137,690	284,647,914	90,318,437	67,578,377	29,208,588	20,848,210	891,739,216
8. „ land & buildings £	78,978,013	55,062,982	13,262,504	17,629,235	6,920,805	5,293,066	177,146,605
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	73,803,954	55,457,719	17,886,417	18,415,477	7,364,909	8,064,293	180,992,769

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

Manufacturing Industries—State Details—continued.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1944-45.							
1. Factories .. No.	11,359	9,669	2,783	2,182	1,931	1,006	28,930
2. Hands employed(a) ..	314,678	257,637	64,135	65,472	29,146	19,511	750,579
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	89,243,041	70,560,011	17,979,827	17,246,148	7,614,243	5,008,530	207,651,800
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,564,956	6,946,053	2,222,879	2,555,739	1,645,987	897,137	26,832,751
5. „ materials used £	215,219,002	158,098,951	59,593,548	35,284,903	17,134,744	11,557,523	496,888,671
6. „ production .. £	159,874,627	122,377,307	30,902,038	27,267,050	12,960,009	8,902,324	362,283,355
7. „ output of fact's. £	387,658,585	287,422,311	92,718,465	65,107,692	31,740,740	21,356,984	886,004,777
8. „ land & buildings £	81,058,876	57,808,861	13,689,055	16,877,449	7,654,187	5,491,679	182,580,107
9. „ plant & machinery £	73,039,252	58,571,064	18,134,011	17,955,288	8,254,231	7,963,214	183,917,060

1945-46(c).

1. Factories .. No.	12,287	10,195	2,807	2,395	2,280	1,082	31,046
2. Hands employed(a) ..	315,774	257,793	65,460	64,909	30,256	19,235	753,427
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	87,647,460	70,499,214	18,011,966	16,789,409	7,883,814	5,006,511	205,838,374
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	12,206,641	6,952,997	2,298,019	2,854,757	1,835,677	904,011	27,052,102
5. „ materials used £	201,706,086	159,798,131	58,633,079	37,908,497	18,360,635	12,019,637	488,426,065
6. „ production .. £	153,179,489	122,192,875	30,269,653	25,692,066	13,826,527	9,195,657	354,356,267
7. „ output of fact's. £	367,092,216	288,944,003	91,200,751	66,008,416	34,022,839	22,119,305	869,387,530
8. „ land & buildings £	80,308,347	60,264,953	14,331,556	15,595,301	8,282,694	5,304,703	184,087,554
9. „ plant & machinery £	72,560,630	58,537,394	18,690,541	19,017,955	8,507,705	8,230,715	185,544,940

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
 proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Preliminary; subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,043,168	4,758,486	4,734,190
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	4,841,965	4,528,864	4,781,511
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	29,111,775	25,928,424	23,516,420
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	148,220,089	157,391,098	147,577,793
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	931,516	1,020,772	1,044,031
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	21,812,445	22,766,729	22,275,487
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	5,473,293	5,885,080	5,737,305
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	23,181,403	24,896,161	27,654,833
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	56,842,302	59,153,039	62,474,043
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	13,427,479	14,684,261	15,062,688
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200,035	4,061,659	4,063,839	4,240,457
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	17,238,875	18,350,059	19,646,332
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,647,766	3,862,931	3,850,470
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	158,484	155,806	183,277
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	4,665,317	5,283,655	5,490,554
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	13,344,520	13,506,283	14,013,964
Total ..	203,416,610	352,002,056	366,235,487	362,283,355

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1944-45.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	23.02	24.55	19.39	26.49	23.99	23.45	23.44
Fuel, Light, &c. ..	3.24	2.42	2.40	3.93	5.19	4.20	3.03
Materials used ..	55.52	55.01	64.27	54.19	53.99	54.12	56.08
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	18.22	18.02	13.94	15.39	16.83	18.23	17.45
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	55.82	57.66	58.18	63.25	58.75	56.26	57.32

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1944-45.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	223,770	174,424	51,483	49,056	22,404	14,756	535,893
Females ..	90,908	83,213	12,652	16,416	6,742	4,755	214,686
Masculinity(a) ..	246	210	407	299	332	310	250

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—AUSTRALIA.

(,000 omitted.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1943-44 ..	3,604	880	4,484	4,360	843	5,203
1944-45 ..	3,887	597	4,484	3,587	1,062	4,649
1945-46 ..	4,596	667	5,263	3,976	1,454	5,430
1945-46 (six months) ..	2,129	170	2,299	1,762	706	2,468
1946-47 (six months) ..	2,437	398	2,835	2,265	540	2,805

(a) For 1943-44 to 1945-46—excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO(a).—Discharged and Shipped. (,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
1945-46 (Six months.)								
New South Wales ..	1,194	278	914	584	1,299	179	323	381
Victoria ..	1,093	121	647	214	313	148	89	279
Queensland ..	132	159	474	86	205	92	243	74
South Australia ..	535	100	187	23	913	70	136	18
Western Australia ..	146	80	296	12	230	25	91	21
Tasmania ..	178	124	61	4	193	162	39	33
Northern Territory(b) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total 1945-46 ..	3,278	862	2,579	923	3,153	676	921	756
1946-47 (Six months.)								
New South Wales ..	1,424	164	662	265	1,620	143	729	318
Victoria ..	1,067	132	604	256	272	178	286	244
Queensland ..	176	133	200	33	217	83	246	55
South Australia ..	771	98	205	66	1,342	97	238	51
Western Australia ..	111	97	282	19	27	43	145	51
Tasmania ..	179	149	60	6	234	136	17	12
Northern Territory ..	6	5	..	..	4	3	..	..
Total 1946-47 ..	3,734	778	2,013	645	3,716	683	1,661	731
Total 1945-46 ..	6,201	1,522	4,608	1,652	6,215	1,213	2,462	1,470
" 1944-45 ..	7,420	1,916	4,343	1,797	7,666	1,640	3,060	1,811
" 1943-44 ..	7,215	1,965	4,138	1,781	7,517	1,722	3,355	1,702
" 1942-43 ..	6,925	2,023	3,654	1,424	7,603	1,808	2,380	1,257
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) For 1941-42 to 1945-46 excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies. (b) Port of Darwin closed.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1947.

These rates are expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—		
Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	6s. 6d. per box (5 b.)
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	1 1/2 d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	..	193s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—		
Beef ..	..	1 1/2 d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	2d. "
Mutton ..	..	1 1/2 d. "
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	140s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	123s. "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) ..	..	123s. "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	123s. "
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—		
Sugar (Raw) ..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	97s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	123s. "
Dried Fruits ..	..	97s. 6d. "
Fruits, Fresh—		
Apples (Refrigerator) ..	..	6s. 10d. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	..	6s. 10d. "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—		
Wheat, Parcels, all States ..	..	115s. per ton weight
" Charter, Eastern States ..	..	120s. "
" " Western Australia ..	..	110s. "
Barley ..	..	128s. "
Oats ..	..	136s. "
Maize ..	..	126s. 6d. "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—		
Flour, Wheaten ..	..	125s. "
Bran ..	..	139s. "
Pollard ..	..	131s. 6d. "
Rice (clean, husked) ..	..	131s. 6d. "
WINE ..	..	123s. per ton measurement.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1947—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—						
Calf	1d.	per lb.				
Sheep	1½d.	" "				
Rabbit	2½d.	" "				
Other	2½d.	" "				
Pearl-shell	123s.	per ton measurement.				
Wool—						
Greasy	1½d.	per lb. + 5 per cent. less				
	7½	per cent.				
Scoured and Washed..	2½d.	per lb. + 5 per cent. less				
	7½	per cent.				
Tops	2½d.	per lb. (net)				
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—						
Compressed Fodder	123s	per ton measurement.				
Bark, Tanning	123s.	per ton weight.				
Copra	119s. 6d.	per ton measurement.				
Sandalwood	123s.	" "				
Raw Cotton (in bales)	1½d.	per lb.				
APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—						
Apparel and Attire	123s.	per ton measurement.				
Binder Twine	215s.	per ton weight.				
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—						
Oils, Eucalyptus..	123s.	per ton measurement.				
Other	138s.	per ton weight.				
Tallow, Unrefined	138s.	" "				
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	123s.	per ton measurement.				
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—						
Ore (in casks)	144s. 6d.	per ton weight.				
Zinc, Ex Risdon	45s.	per ton weight.				
Other than above	65s.	per ton weight.				
Dust (in cases)	289s. 6d.	" "				
Sheet (in cases)	126s. 6d.	" "				
Copper	90s.	" "				
Lead	65s.	" "				
Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	80s.	" "				
(over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	95s.	" "				
Tyres	108s. 6d.	" "				
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	42s.	" "				
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF—						
Rubber..	110s. 6d.	per ton measurement.				
Leather	269s.	per ton weight.				
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—						
Timber, Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	46s.	per 100 super. feet.				
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	49s. 3d.	" "				
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	53s.	" "				
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	27s.	" "				
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS	123s.	per ton measurement.				
STATIONERY	123s.	" "				
DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—						
Fertilizers	123s.	" "				
MISCELLANEOUS—						
Soap	123s.	" "				
Casein	193s. 6d.	" "				
SPECIE	15s.	per cent.				

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1947.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans-shipped.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	31 1	..	31 1	..	40 6	..
Sydney	40 6	..	29 8	..	29 8	..
Melbourne	51 4	..	40 6	..	29 8	..
Adelaide	62 5	72 5	55 11	..	49 5	..
Fremantle	50 8	65 6	23 7	..	23 7	..
Hobart	44 2	51 2	23 7	..	26 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie						
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	46 6	..	46 6	83 8
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	47 6	..	47 6	84 8
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	..	46 6	83 0	46 6	83 8
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	46 6	83 0	46 6	83 8
New Hebrides	60 0	..	60 0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island	60 0	..	50 0	..	..	..
Papua	60 0	..	60 0	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea	80 0	..	80 0	..	..	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges:—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining rates except those for New Zealand in which case only those in the last column include surcharge (35 per cent. on 22s.).

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.
IMPORTS.
(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1943-44.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.	£ stg. '000.
New South Wales ..	46,348	40,225	101,867	40,757	101,330	46,464	77,061
Victoria ..	35,455	27,713	90,252	27,767	64,769	35,389	54,048
Queensland ..	7,956	7,153	12,870	5,488	12,956	6,104	10,742
South Australia ..	5,851	3,812	4,781	4,055	4,656	5,669	8,778
Western Australia ..	5,384	2,881	3,408	3,701	4,042	4,566	4,833
Tasmania ..	1,133	639	1,046	700	730	1,113	1,146
Northern Territory ..	29	..	..	..	..	143	173
Total ..	102,156	82,423	214,224	82,468	188,483	99,448	156,781

EXPORTS.(a)
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1943-44.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.
		£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
New South Wales ..	45,903	35,332	54,089	37,509	60,837	57,811	76,841
Victoria ..	30,819	30,860	36,547	35,539	40,071	43,075	75,916
Queensland ..	28,652	16,460	17,889	15,139	18,283	26,190	27,085
South Australia ..	14,841	11,432	15,585	14,088	19,167	18,902	20,154
Western Australia ..	17,070	8,964	11,423	8,191	12,382	18,673	19,458
Tasmania ..	3,198	1,082	1,149	2,465	2,531	3,560	3,612
Northern Territory ..	13	..	..	..	..	104	222
Estimated unrecorded ..	..	..	10,000	..	2,000	..	..
Total(b) ..	140,496	104,130	146,682	112,931	155,271	168,315	223,288

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

(b) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	214,357	102,156	108,188	4,013	112,201	31 4 7	14 17 8	15 15 3	0 11 8	16 6 11
1943-44 ..	331,335	214,224	113,790	3,321	117,111	45 13 0	29 10 4	15 13 6	0 9 2	16 2 8
1944-45 ..	312,452	188,483	121,042	2,927	123,969	42 12 1	25 14 0	16 10 1	0 8 0	16 18 1
1945-46 ..	335,097	156,781	174,750	3,566	178,316	45 4 1	21 3 0	23 11 5	0 9 8	24 1 1
1946-47 (nine months)	308,955	127,049	179,605	2,301	181,906	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of Stores Shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency (£A'000) were—1938-39, £2,106; 1943-44, £8,479; 1944-45, £11,373; 1945-46, £6,332; and 1946-47 (nine months), £3,437.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise (a)	Specie and Bullion.	Total. (b)	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.	£stg.'000.
1938-39 ..	99,313	2,843	102,156	97,032	15,169	112,201	—	2,281	10,045
1943-44 ..	210,028	4,196	214,224	117,103	8	117,111	—	12,326	97,113
1944-45 ..	186,044	2,439	188,483	123,961	8	123,969	—	4,188	64,514
1945-46 ..	155,347	1,434	156,781	156,826	21,490	178,316	—	2,431	21,535
1946-47 (nine months)	126,393	656	127,049	181,815	91	181,906	55,422	—	54,857

(a) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) were—1938-39, £121,533; 1943-44, £146,672; 1944-45, £155,262; 1945-46, £196,424; and 1946-47 (nine months), £227,723. (b) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) are shown in the table above for the years 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1945-46; 1946-47 (nine months), £A.227,837.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1946 and 1947, the calendar years 1945 and 1946, and the nine months ended March, 1946 and 1947.

Division.	March Quarter.		Year ended December.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945.	1946.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	149,243	162,309	517,131	658,456	416,274	494,872
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	1,406,073	2,204,490	5,553,585	7,226,595	4,247,151	6,427,735
3. Sugar	22	118	6	1,951	23	1,825
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	301,555	347,844	827,835	1,019,665	726,368	845,193
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	407,375	877,645	1,132,871	2,206,618	950,067	2,194,666
6. Metals and Machinery	341,813	672,696	851,701	1,693,418	768,035	1,606,241
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	3,125,636	4,387,322	9,588,380	15,078,001	8,344,045	12,527,146
8. Earthenware, &c.	75,592	125,912	192,912	366,051	187,388	315,166
9. Drugs and Chemicals	69,321	114,877	202,283	269,632	165,030	269,797
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	86,469	123,160	281,890	430,805	226,836	359,232
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	172,499	154,575	410,993	702,250	406,517	526,976
12. Leather and Rubber	53,846	165,237	166,044	373,721	141,665	386,236
13. Paper and Stationery	26,677	92,707	73,751	167,707	67,761	204,752
14. Vehicles	33,134	622,887	34,550	1,223,068	51,311	1,613,891
15. Musical Instruments	713	2,815	1,411	8,242	1,863	8,625
16. Miscellaneous	415,700	452,712	1,178,922	1,299,235	1,079,631	1,025,111
Primage	938,443	1,656,611	2,455,795	4,665,679	2,259,170	4,310,429
Ships' Stores	14,300	12,225	32,304	68,189	30,672	44,417
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	33,852	51,304	132,578	161,513	99,391	134,322
Total Customs	7,652,233	12,227,446	23,637,942	37,620,796	20,169,108	33,296,632
EXCISE.						
Beer	5,789,514	7,114,047	21,579,193	25,756,631	16,595,264	20,835,418
Carbonic Acid Gas	107,770		315,955	312,264	258,891	123,649
Cigarette Papers	182,451	241,166	720,446	802,540	523,589	698,475
Matches	292,999	317,576	1,172,231	1,283,346	874,683	1,031,965
Petrol	35,311	238,371	326,808	489,244	180,774	554,101
Playing Cards	9,335	10,807	34,383	48,213	23,554	35,950
Spirits	2,085,268	1,372,513	5,830,289	7,693,909	5,208,058	4,903,368
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	4,010,767	4,787,563	15,899,193	18,047,988	12,263,949	14,580,284
Other Excise, including Licences, &c.	88,248	61,085	345,194	437,279	305,108	295,155
Total Excise	12,601,663	14,143,128	46,223,692	54,871,414	36,233,870	43,058,365
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	20,253,926	26,370,574	69,861,634	92,492,210	56,403,068	76,354,997
Refunds and Drawback paid	381,159	501,936	1,817,971	1,961,952	1,308,192	1,652,898
TOTAL NET REVENUE	19,872,767	25,868,638	68,043,663	90,530,258	55,094,876	74,702,099

**IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1946. (VALUES IN BRITISH CURRENCY.)**

Classes of Goods.	United King- dom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	New Zealand.	Palestine.	Union of South Africa.	Egypt.	Iran.	Sweden.	Switzer- land.	United States of America.	Total All Coun- tries.(a)
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	66	17	..	2	174	..	3	..	..	..	..	100	367
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	38	1	2,257	637	107	2	1	1	..	..	..	5	3,508
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	146	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	77	..	..	..	11	..	40	1	..	..	..	1,312	1,751
5. Live animals ..	45	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs ..	51	55	..	346	524	..	13	..	..	9	..	21	1,398
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	267	15	118	1,400	275	..	148	132	12	2	43	490	3,726
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	10,152	542	39	3,951	13	3	..	..	9	..	38	1,007	17,018
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	82	8	..	68	38	2	..	..	4,303	1	..	1,289	8,050
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	254	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	130	393
11. Rocks and minerals ..	40	82	9	17	11	..	82	84	30	8	4	228	964
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery ..	11,329	2,558	..	8	22	1	..	..	..	65	63	5,814	19,993
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	446	7	1,001	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	135	2,602
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	63	565	..	3	76	..	..	..	..	5	..	147	911
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	1,062	45	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	125	1,264
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	2,013	1,914	..	1	49	1	..	..	..	460	3	730	5,714
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	776	73	1	20	46	18	145	..	..	..	166	21	1,336
18. Optical, surgical, and scientific instruments ..	648	109	..	2	1	4	..	..	..	1	12	395	1,180
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	1,933	96	3	22	6	67	22	249	..	22	65	385	4,068
20. Miscellaneous ..	1,240	152	2	27	132	1	8	3	..	2	2	324	4,745
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie ..	2	..	..	..	407	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	426
Total ..	30,730	6,242	3,430	6,511	1,935	100	447	470	4,354	576	396	12,059	(b) 79,659

(a) Excludes outside packages, £Stg. 1,608,000.

(b) Estimated value in Australian currency, £A. 99,773,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1946.
(VALUES IN AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya (British.)	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	Egypt.	France.	Netherlands East Indies.	United States of America.	Total All Countries.
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin..	17,980	79	399	566	2,228	121	127	4	633	2	1	81	24,932
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	2,722	70	2,984	4,009	6,511	2,096	535	254	106	..	39	45	26,019
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	427	102	23	28	273	74	4	1	1	..	5	3	1,240
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	109
5. Live animals ..	..	..	6	27	69	18	5	..	..	..	..	..	145
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs ..	12,737	2,374	41	483	18	44	49	8,971	116	10,621	1	23,563	70,760
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	289	1	4	8	10	80	9	13	..	1	..	127	597
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	926	96	17	436	1,144	546	409	9	144	22	43	123	6,932
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	68	6	11	150	40	37	3	5	..	1	1	29	717
10. Pigments, paints and varnishes ..	2	..	5	3	17	59	4	4	..	1	3	..	161
11. Rocks and minerals ..	358	4	..	12	6	48	..	218	..	21	1	411	1,221
12. Metals, metal manufactures, and machinery ..	4,074	56	107	1,725	823	1,727	595	130	182	40	50	61	12,124
13. Rubber and leather, and manufactures thereof ..	313	5	2	23	134	651	74	3	3	..	1	46	1,836
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	111	16	9	2	77	181	35	..	..	..	..	12	584
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	8	..	2	4	79	120	4	..	..	..	1	..	370
16. Pulp, paper and stationery..	44	1	5	11	215	218	9	..	2	..	3	9	661
17. Fancy goods, jewellery, and timepieces ..	4	4	5	20	81	34	43	..	..	..	1	34	313
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	10	..	..	10	43	141	5	..	..	..	10	6	311
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	97	26	25	223	621	294	55	6	19	12	7	411	2,640
20. Miscellaneous ..	430	13	7	52	214	177	22	1	8	2	9	97	2,393
21. Gold and silver; and bronze specie ..	34	1	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	11	92
Total ..	40,634	2,854	3,652	7,792	12,603	6,673	1,989	9,619	1,214	10,723	177	25,069	(a)154,157

(a) Estimated value in British currency £Stg. 123,080,000.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE. (a)

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Decem-ber.	January.	Febru-ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(b)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 1 7.3	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 1 8.7	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 1 7.2	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 1 6.5	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 1 7.6	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 1 10.5	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 2 5.2	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 2 1.4	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 2 2.7	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 ..	<i>s. d.</i> 1 7.0 ..
Wool, Scoured (c)	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	1 10.3 2 7.1	2 4.5 2 7.8	2 4.0 2 10.8	2 4.7 2 9.2	2 4.7 2 9.3	2 3.4 2 11.3	2 7.7 3 1.0	2 3.1 3 7.9	2 4.3 3 2.1	2 9.2 ..	2 9.4 ..	2 7.3 ..	2 5.1 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	No.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	4 2.6 5 6.0	5 2.2 6 10.7	5 3.8 6 1.4	4 1.6 7 9.1	4 5.6 7 10.7	4 10.6 7 0.7	3 8.3 10 7.4	3 0.2 8 7.4	4 0.3 6 10.8	4 10.6 ..	5 4.5 ..	4 10.1 ..	4 7.8 ..
Wheat ..	bushel	{ 1945-46 1946-47	7 0.5 10 3.9	.. 10 0.5	9 0.9 10 6.4	8 0.9 10 0.9	9 7.2 10 9.6	9 8.5 17 0.3	.. 10 1.1	9 8.8 11 1.2	9 7.6 12 1.2	10 1.6 ..	10 0.1 ..	10 0.1 ..	9 11.6 ..
Butter ..	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	1 9.9 1 4.6	1 9.4 1 5.1	1 8.9 1 6.9	1 9.6 1 5.9	1 9.4 1 7.3	1 9.3 1 2.6	1 9.2 1 6.7	1 9.3 1 6.4	1 9.5 1 6.8	1 9.4 ..	1 9.2 ..	1 9.6 ..	1 9.4 ..
Raisins ..	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	0 5.1 0 5.6	0 6.8 0 6.3	0 5.5 0 5.9	0 5.9 0 5.9	0 5.8 0 6.3	0 6.3 0 6.5	0 5.7 0 6.0	0 8.9 0 6.0	0 7.3 0 8.7	0 4.9 ..	0 5.5 ..	0 5.6 ..	0 5.5 ..
Wine (d) ..	gal.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	7 7.6 8 5.4	7 5.0 7 1.4	7 10.2 7 9.2	7 7.5 7 8.4	7 9.5 8 0.9	9 10.4 8 5.2	7 5.7 8 5.0	7 9.2 8 8.1	6 7.5 9 5.7	8 10.1 ..	7 4.3 ..	7 3.4 ..	7 8.4 ..
Beef (Frozen) ..	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	0 6.2 0 7.6	0 5.5 0 5.5	0 6.0 0 5.6	0 6.0 0 6.1	0 5.7 0 5.4	0 5.6 0 5.9	0 7.8 0 6.5	0 6.8 0 5.8	0 6.5 0 7.5	0 6.8 ..	0 6.0 ..	0 6.9 ..	0 6.1 ..
Lamb ..	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	0 7.3 0 7.4	0 7.2 0 7.2	0 11.7 0 7.2	0 6.9 0 7.3	0 7.1 0 7.4	0 7.0 0 7.7	0 6.9 0 8.5	0 7.5 0 8.3	0 7.5 0 8.5	0 7.7 ..	0 7.6 ..	0 7.6 ..	0 7.2 ..
Mutton ..	lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	0 5.2 0 4.6	0 4.2 0 3.9	0 5.1 0 4.2	0 5.5 0 3.9	0 5.1 0 4.6	0 5.1 0 3.9	0 5.4 0 4.4	0 4.5 0 4.0	0 5.1 0 4.5	0 4.3 ..	0 4.5 ..	0 4.1 ..	0 4.9 ..
Flour ..	cental	{ 1945-46 1946-47	<i>£ s. d.</i> 0 14 1 1 3 10	<i>£ s. d.</i> 0 14 10 1 5 10	<i>£ s. d.</i> 0 17 8 1 6 3	<i>£ s. d.</i> 0 17 3 1 10 11	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 0 9 1 5 11	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 1 11 1 6 8	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 2 10 1 9 2	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 2 8 1 12 5	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 2 8 1 16 7	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 2 7 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 2 9 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 2 11 ..	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 1 10 ..
Tallow (Inedible)	cwt.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	2 1 10 3 1 4	1 12 9 2 1 6	1 10 2 4 2 0	2 5 7 4 7 6	2 4 7 5 1 11	2 13 8 5 16 5	3 0 5 6 2 4	2 10 5 6 5 11	3 10 3 ..	3 1 4 ..	2 5 6 ..	3 10 10 ..	2 2 9 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	1 15 1 2 18 2	1 14 10 2 12 10	1 16 2 2 19 8	1 17 10 3 2 6	1 17 3 3 3 11	1 17 10 3 2 6	1 18 1 3 9 7	1 18 3 2 18 7	1 15 5 3 14 4	2 5 10 ..	1 19 9 ..	2 9 7 ..	1 19 0 ..
Zinc Bars ..	cwt.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	1 19 2 2 13 6	1 14 8 2 15 6	2 4 2 2 17 5	2 4 0 3 1 2	2 1 6 2 19 4	2 3 9 2 13 11	1 16 6 3 2 3	2 6 8 3 6 10	2 10 7 3 9 4	2 18 8 ..	2 12 2 ..	2 11 7 ..	2 4 10 ..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	{ 1945-46 1946-47	17 14 9 21 17 9	18 10 4 22 1 5	18 10 0 23 18 6	18 6 4 22 3 9	18 12 7 22 5 1	18 10 0 22 5 1	20 7 11 22 5 0	21 10 7 ..	.. ..	20 16 3 ..	21 9 11 ..	21 8 7 ..	19 5 8 ..

(a) Values in Australian currency.

(b) Average price of total exports for the year.

(c) Includes noils, tops and waste.

(d) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem-ber.	October.	Novem-ber.	Decem-ber.	January.	Febru-ary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	57,604 96,370	44,663 102,239	44,147 98,264	30,039 123,239	58,777 74,214	60,025 66,711	63,422 76,637	82,814 81,310	70,783 97,746	49,610 ..	66,338 ..	84,220 ..	712,442 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c.	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	10,711 13,718	7,798 18,081	6,745 17,238	4,105 19,397	9,155 15,230	3,120 11,867	7,811 15,981	9,154 9,935	7,498 14,550	5,156 ..	11,976 ..	11,426 ..	94,655 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool)	'000 No.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	4,111 1,094	599 1,184	295 2,738	701 2,654	1,076 2,294	348 1,605	2,153 1,146	768 1,247	1,481 1,086	3,280 ..	2,021 ..	1,946 ..	18,779 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	37 1,605	.. 2,910	93 1,467	1 352	.. 699	243 1	.. 427	810 1,154	1,687 1,712	3,613 ..	3,253 ..	3,057 ..	12,794 ..
Flour ..	'000 cental	{ 1945-46 1946-47	450 1,211	184 2,481	298 1,103	155 1,258	402 753	585 895	973 735	1,198 1,604	1,393 855	1,422 ..	1,105 ..	2,213 ..	10,378 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	6,676 9,466	3,679 8,191	5,319 10,338	10,537 14,096	13,399 9,248	15,710 16,128	15,881 19,400	15,622 11,914	11,523 3,032	15,695 ..	13,350 ..	10,179 ..	137,570 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	5,186 26,093	2,543 4,472	2,595 6,534	1,388 2,758	3,387 1,176	1,425 1,635	415 2,158	124 359	70 140	9,647 ..	26,715 ..	13,752 ..	67,247 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	176 191	180 363	79 291	130 215	216 168	40 303	154 167	219 248	87 181	157 ..	258 ..	68 ..	1,764 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	17,104 3,157	17,141 18,299	4,692 27,532	5,863 24,222	17,377 20,927	8,971 16,783	4,147 10,475	4,320 10,922	19,151 1,929	5,986 ..	1,614 ..	4,425 ..	110,791 ..
Lamb ..	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	1,917 10,779	39 3,851	9 8,537	1,202 10,864	4,990 17,425	9,978 23,164	5,831 21,190	8,115 11,226	873 3,129	1,246 ..	2,614 ..	2,239 ..	39,053 ..
Mutton ..	'000 lb.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	674 5,825	2,504 8,051	1,672 8,721	2,356 7,904	3,594 2,526	1,370 3,554	1,556 5,266	764 3,670	1,519 3,126	683 ..	17 ..	984 ..	17,693 ..
Tallow (Inedible)	'000 cwt.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	38 2	29 4	8 12	17 1	13 7	6 6	5 10	3 4	.. ..	8 ..	10 ..	5 ..	142 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	220 143	150 398	79 262	355 132	185 165	188 43	129 169	28 381	182 170	178 ..	202 ..	194 ..	2,090 ..
Zinc Bars ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1945-46 1946-47	130 90	68 113	77 50	127 119	50 68	84 128	210 111	12 26	36 31	56 ..	108 ..	6 ..	964 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined	'000 ton	{ 1945-46 1946-47	13 18	24 36	7 24	25 7	21 18	15 1	5 7	10 ..	1 1	5 ..	16 ..	9 ..	151 ..

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

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(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	45	155	246	212
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	46	80	109	180
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	..	1	11	6
Potted or Concentrated	23	..	31	7
Sausage Casings	28	61	70	173
Other .. .. .	..	3	1	22
Milk and Cream	2	2	5	3
Other Animal Foodstuffs	43	41	97	107
Total, Class I.	187	343	570	710
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel, Paste and Butter	5	19	89	19
Cocoa and Chocolate	172	257	684	386
Coffee and Chicory	67	151	264	238
Confectionery .. .. .	..	3	8	6
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	97	113	97	120
Fresh	1	2	2	2
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	3	1	3	1
Ginger	12	2	50	15
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	210	43	767	106
Prepared	7	4	9	5
Liquorice	1	9	29	30
Nuts, Edible	30	69	89	261
Pickles and Sauces .. .. .	..	1	..	2
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	..	3	..	3
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	8	6	67	54
Spices	28	24	143	239
Sugar and Sugar Products	2	5	11	16
Tea	1,420	1,286	3,733	3,960
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	24	104	91	148
Total, Class II.	2,087	2,102	6,136	5,611
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter .. .. .	..	4	..	4
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. .. .	..	7	1	7
Gin	2	5	2	5
Rum	1	2	1	2
Whisky	48	50	177	197
Other including Liqueurs .. .. .	..	3	..	4
Wine—Fermented	1	4	1	6
Total Class III.	52	75	182	225

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes	1	99	1	184
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	2	48	11	83
Unmanufactured	593	302	3,397	1,932
Snuff .. .. .	..	1	..	2
Total, Class IV.	596	450	3,409	2,201
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.	110	167	177	262
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gut—Imitation and Natural .. .. .	..	36	4	44
Hair and Fibre	21	91	48	248
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	84	165	327	570
Sheep	5	33	15	88
Other	109	168	256	617
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	123	..	282
Wool	5	100	16	211
Other Animal Substances	10	32	25	85
Total, Class VI.	234	748	691	2,145
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	70	47	180	135
Cork and Cork Manufactures	18	48	142	141
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw	355	760	1,128	1,735
Flax, Hemp, &c.	17	155	177	456
Kapok	32	71	69	196
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments	3	9	21	67
Other	113	199	254	447
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	24	16	58	69
Gums and Resins	200	309	385	570
Plastic Materials	187	185	835	539
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	89	84	399	327
Linseed	364	80	989	650
Other	7	56	155	238
Tanning Substances	53	109	158	180
Other Vegetable Substances	50	79	70	183
Total, Class VII.	1,582	2,207	5,020	5,933
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	48	13	169	31
Corn and Flour	313	1,384	1,080	2,786
Woolpacks	38	403	119	515
Other	5	9	35	18
Cordage and Twines	165	43	224	121
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	149	160	379	429
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	421	341	1,049	1,002
Cotton	315	319	719	865
Silk .. .. .	..	1	3	1
Wool .. .. .	..	2	..	4
Other	38	15	103	7)
Total, Class VIII. (a)	1,492	2,690	3,880	5,842

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	175	894	297	2,239
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	19	72	37	208
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	54	152	116	408
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	237	238	721	629
Cotton and Linen	2,402	2,616	6,401	7,124
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	320	268	951	752
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,739	2,572	4,410	6,992
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	2	128	22	293
Woollens	86	126	175	357
Other	154	190	492	516
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	20	41	35	100
Towels and Towelling	85	109	246	268
Other Textiles	141	122	968	335
Total, Class VIII. (b)	5,434	7,528	14,871	20,221
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.—				
Not knitted	4	36	7	94
Knitted	2	16	4	30
Boots and Shoes .. ..	..	19	7	37
Buttons	9	29	24	81
Furs and Other Skins	5	8	5	86
Gloves	25	51	71	137
Hats and Caps	37	64	90	190
Socks and Stockings .. ..	..	5	..	7
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	16	7	22	16
Trimmings and Ornaments	189	327	391	841
Other Apparel and Attire	125	177	280	393
Total, Class VIII. (c)	412	739	901	1,912
Total, Class VIII.	7,338	10,957	19,652	27,975
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	60	122	200	346
Oils—				
Kerosene	408	361	973	982
Linseed .. ..	..	..	..	3
Lubricating (Mineral)	496	571	1,085	1,401
Olive .. ..	..	2	..	2
Petroleum	2,367	2,781	6,258	6,455
Residual	1,340	561	5,129	2,719
Turpentine	49	62	108	228
Other	235	164	605	538
Total, Class IX.	4,955	4,624	14,358	12,674
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	262	295	626	684
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	2	3	6	7
Total, Class X.	264	298	632	691

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	155	154	309	399
Stones—				
Abrasives	17	33	74	97
Other .. ..	..	12	..	16
Other Minerals, &c.	213	486	629	1,137
Total, Class XI.	385	685	1,012	1,649
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	35	30	68	111
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	24	162	70	284
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	9	12	26	46
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	91	98	218	236
Channels, Girders, Joists, &c. .. ..	..	..	3	..
Pig and Scrap .. ..	..	..	1	2
Pipes and Tubes	38	16	74	55
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	98	172	211	434
Tinned	701	1,023	2,140	2,392
Nails	7	12	15	32
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	4	..	4	4
Wire	40	42	168	138
Lamps and Lampware	34	36	87	116
Leaf and Foil	29	71	68	191
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	35	71	92	199
Platedware and Cutlery	191	340	395	915
Tools of Trade	224	247	804	658
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	729	345	6,654	1,496
Cycles and Cycle Parts	86	90	187	251
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	7	53	15	108
Chassis and Parts	935	3,163	3,923	8,708
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	65	165	75	401
Other Vehicles and Parts	86	151	1,126	392
Other Metals and Manufactures	595	741	1,592	1,932
Total, Class XII. (a)	4,063	7,040	18,016	19,101
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Batteries and Accumulators	10	38	64	134
Cable and Wire, covered	175	106	360	389
Dynamo Electric Machines	169	257	815	641
Lamps, Filament	61	49	136	126
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	357	312	862	820
Other Electrical Appliances	419	517	1,845	1,375
Total, Class XII. (b)	1,191	1,279	4,082	3,485

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	68	107	118	195
Dairying	44	70	102	148
Metal working	174	394	430	883
Mining	120	83	273	312
Motive power	1,167	1,239	5,620	3,537
Printing	35	59	67	136
Machines—				
Sewing	113	215	278	458
Sheep-shearing	17	12	47	29
Weighing	19	13	40	40
Textile-working and Appliances	104	308	387	747
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	173	121	389	279
Other Machines and Machinery	598	1,085	1,708	2,667
Total, Class XII. (c)	2,632	3,706	9,459	9,431
Total, Class XII.	7,886	12,025	31,557	32,017
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	856	591	1,682	2,619
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c.	56	132	98	270
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	15	38	72	267
Other	24	116	116	277
Total, Class XIII. (a)	951	877	1,968	3,433
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	9	26	26	54
Leather Manufactures, &c.	4	14	13	33
Total, Class XIII. (b)	13	40	39	87
Total, Class XIII.	964	917	2,007	3,520
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	109	25	239	61
Undressed	386	805	948	1,514
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	44	131	152	297
Total, Class XIV.	539	961	1,339	1,872
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware	242	325	561	873
Glass and Glassware	133	310	404	414
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	101	161	260	773
Total, Class XV.	476	796	1,225	2,060

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Paper—				
Parchment	1	..	1	1
Printing	673	1,116	1,598	3,228
Wrapping	125	245	256	577
Writing and Typewriting	197	223	538	695
Other Paper	163	257	381	736
Pulp for Paper-making	344	106	771	704
Millboards and other boards	40	92	115	199
Total, Class XVI. (a)	1,543	2,039	3,660	6,140
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	380	454	1,108	1,535
Pens and Pencils	56	118	134	341
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	9	20	22	47
Other Stationery	167	179	354	461
Total, Class XVI. (b)	612	771	1,618	2,384
Total, Class XVI.	2,155	2,810	5,278	8,524
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	13	37	43	95
Toys, &c.	14	42	45	209
Other	32	241	72	649
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c.	99	87	160	324
Other	10	51	22	186
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	198	156	547	487
Total, Class XVII.	366	614	889	1,950
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	127	147	359	384
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	62	83	192	275
Phonographs, &c.	6	20	16	66
Surgical and Dental Instruments	214	196	495	575
Other Instruments	128	179	431	505
Total, Class XVIII.	537	625	1,493	1,805
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	29	91	129	212
Argol	55	37	55	109
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes .. .. .	..	5	..	7
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	21	27	81	68
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	138	225	443	566
Other	76	159	336	481
Dyes	90	221	310	600
Fertilizers	544	682	1,769	2,029
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	29	21	81	76
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	53	137	177	279
Perfumery and Preparations	32	102	84	220

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued*.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—<i>continued</i>.				
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c. ..	35	26	72	62
Salt	7	14	14	34
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	29	15	114	114
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	9	3	25	26
Other	50	32	107	106
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices,				
Syrups	3	6	8	21
Other	13	32	46	60
Other Drugs and Chemicals	339	409	835	1,242
Total, Class XIX.	1,552	2,244	4,686	6,312
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	2,418	256	15,220	3,549
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	9	79	26	167
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	3	62	8	188
Brushware	12	55	24	166
Goods imported per parcel post	173	35	445	105
Musical Instruments, &c.	10	23	23	71
Outside Packages	675	959	1,861	2,568
Packings for Engines	66	49	151	149
Passengers' Effects	113	263	258	652
Vessels (Ships) .. .. .	..	..	58	217
All other Articles	77	122	279	425
Total, Class XX.	3,556	1,903	18,353	8,257
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including Gold in matte	264	228	684	642
Silver, including Silver in matte	11	2	164	14
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	348	..
Total, Class XXI.	275	230	1,196	656
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	18,401	20,539	59,954	56,562
Victoria	11,945	16,660	40,070	47,104
Queensland	2,279	2,792	8,649	8,202
South Australia	1,661	3,271	6,839	8,430
Western Australia	1,379	2,038	3,273	5,567
Tasmania	380	480	893	1,143
Northern Territory	51	1	184	41
GRAND TOTAL	36,096	45,781	119,862	127,049

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
TOTAL IMPORTS—				
Merchandise	35,821	45,551	118,666	126,393
Bullion and Specie	275	230	1,196	656
GRAND TOTAL	36,096	45,781	119,862	127,049

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
TOTAL IMPORTS—				
Merchandise	44,866	57,053	148,629	158,307
Bullion and Specie—				
Gold	331	285	857	804
Silver and Bronze	13	3	641	17
Total Bullion and Specie	344	288	1,498	821
GRAND TOTAL	45,210	57,341	150,127	159,128

EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	3,826	2,662	8,772	7,477
Margarine	56	214	275	501
Cheese	385	681	1,042	1,882
Eggs	767	1,022	1,575	3,825
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	71	147	237	524
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	194	141	854	375
Mutton, Dehydrated	131	18	145	28
Potted or Concentrated	37	59	190	263
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	777	612	2,507	3,258
Lamb	450	1,250	983	3,568
Mutton	81	215	333	845
Pork	360	106	948	787
Rabbits and Hares	12	102	84	319
Preserved in Tins	1,895	1,651	4,734	6,270
Sausage Casings	95	109	213	297
Other	189	296	623	1,083
Milk and Cream	389	853	1,618	3,374
Other Animal Foodstuffs	212	334	1,523	729
Total, Class I.	9,927	10,472	26,656	35,405

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	48	69	335	638
Biscuits	81	45	574	182
Confectionery	79	208	263	847
Fodders	53	125	101	232
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	1	4	122	130
Raisins	20	66	417	1,093
Other	39	39	157	188
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	82	14	132	375
Citrus	8	65	126	382
Other	17	76	30	106
Fruits, preserved in liquid	116	276	470	1,265
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	1,107	320	2,560	1,136
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	133	873	133	1,176
Wheat	1,207	1,892	1,380	5,508
Other	148	83	269	341
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	4,049	5,235	5,962	14,929
Rice	87	139	409	638
Other	161	402	366	1,898
Jams and Fruit Jellies	371	500	1,008	1,397
Sugar	380	228	2,550	2,680
Tea	44	15	181	124
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	1,250	1,054	3,526	2,482
Total, Class II.	9,481	11,728	21,071	37,747
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	73	22	498	121
Spirits (Beverages)	140	97	501	603
Wine	181	269	535	904
Total, Class III.	394	388	1,534	1,628
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	28	9	306	20
Tobacco	30	35	359	133
Total, Class IV.	58	44	665	153
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	5	6	6	20
Horses	7	66	30	132
Sheep	5	39	10	90
Other Animals	2	8	8	22
Total, Class V.	19	119	54	264

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	63	153	213	277
Fox	8	..	51	15
Kangaroo and Wallaby	138	282	422	1,083
Opossum	12	8	77	96
Rabbit	503	267	4,097	5,259
Sheep	862	1,648	2,722	6,123
Other	4	5	15	23
Pearl-shell	6	40	16	129
Trochus-shell	22	24	34	94
Wool—				
Greasy	17,147	27,447	40,553	73,598
Scoured and Tops	3,260	6,822	8,681	20,697
Other Animal Substances	14	35	38	97
Total, Class VI.	22,039	36,731	56,919	107,491
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	243	174	584	500
Seeds	34	19	97	122
Tanning Substances	34	46	58	132
Other Vegetable Substances	30	36	48	118
Total, Class VII.	341	275	787	872
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES; TEXTILES; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	329	399	601	1,286
Piece Goods	1,235	477	1,742	2,919
Other Textiles	83	297	371	1,304
Boots and Shoes	28	162	84	353
Other Apparel and Attire	863	869	2,098	3,274
Total, Class VIII.	2,538	2,204	4,896	9,136
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	83	50	249	216
Oils	209	158	1,479	545
Tallow, unrefined	26	91	251	255
Total, Class IX.	318	299	1,979	1,016
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES..				
	39	84	115	246
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Coal	30	7	52	48
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	36	331	142	613
Zinc	183	468	713	747
Other	176	309	541	883
Other Rocks and Minerals	16	21	31	66
Total, Class XI.	441	1,136	1,479	2,357

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	764	1,233	1,756	3,288
Lead—Pig and in Matte	653	2,537	2,883	5,998
Metal Scrap .. .. .	..	15	..	60
Platinum, Osmium, &c. .. .. .	..	6	..	8
Tin Ingots	24	..	79	10
Vehicles	67	475	703	1,332
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	586	573	1,740	2,269
Other Metals and Manufactures	359	1,046	1,042	2,952
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	167	208	337	620
Machines and Machinery	388	951	956	2,631
Total, Class XII.	3,008	7,044	9,496	19,168
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	136	123	419	773
Leather	223	490	551	1,595
Leather Manufactures, &c.	23	28	51	109
Total, Class XIII.	382	641	1,021	2,477
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	205	145	500	624
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	95	41	168	145
Total, Class XIV.	300	186	668	769
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE-WARE	97	114	266	483
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	31	36	67	269
Stationery	95	153	289	582
Total, Class XVI.	126	189	356	851
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	2	17	7	51
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	51	66	149	345
Total, Class XVII.	53	83	156	396
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	14	18	84	55
Photographic Goods, &c.	20	43	42	119
Talking Machines, &c.	10	31	31	72
Other Instruments	36	78	219	235
Total, Class XVIII.	80	170	376	481

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers	3	4	13	9
Medicines	127	184	390	990
Oils—				
Eucalyptus	77	99	152	298
Other	18	38	22	86
Perfumery and Preparations	223	160	599	712
Other Drugs and Chemicals	194	390	903	1,421
Total, Class XIX.	642	875	2,079	3,516
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	246	360	3,294	1,266
Goods Exported per parcel post	12	43	36	115
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	14	28	30	78
Personal and Household Effects	126	170	262	651
Vessels transferred abroad	116	45	245	143
All other Articles	301	230	1,125	1,014
Total, Class XX.	815	876	4,992	3,267
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	23,081	1	26,411	1
Silver, including Silver in matte	21	21	362	112
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	84	1
Total, Class XXI.	23,102	22	26,857	114
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	16,116	25,190	53,915	89,071
Victoria	37,822	22,052	60,363	63,531
Queensland	7,173	8,130	20,884	32,263
South Australia	6,518	9,679	12,421	23,237
Western Australia	5,942	7,251	12,467	16,241
Tasmania	628	1,375	2,347	3,479
Northern Territory	1	3	25	15
Total { Australian Produce	73,286	72,683	158,615	224,950
{ Other Produce	914	997	3,807	2,887
GRAND TOTAL	74,200	73,680	162,422	227,837

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1946.	1947.	1945-46.	1946-47.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
TOTAL EXPORTS—				
Merchandise	51,098	73,658	135,565	227,723
Bullion and Specie—				
Australian Produce	23,102	17	26,527	74
Other Produce .. .. .	..	5	330	40
Total, Bullion and Specie	23,102	22	26,857	114
GRAND TOTAL	74,200	73,680	162,422	227,837

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
TOTAL EXPORTS—				
Merchandise	40,797	58,809	108,235	181,815
Bullion and Specie—				
Gold	18,465	1	21,129	1
Silver and Bronze	17	16	356	90
Total, Bullion and Specie	18,482	17	21,485	91
GRAND TOTAL	59,279	58,826	129,720	181,906
VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN GOLD PRODUCTION	£A. '000. 1,722	£A. '000. 2,335	£A. '000. 5,463	£A. '000. 7,544

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

QUANTITY.

	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1938-39 ..	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164
1942-43 ..	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,970
1943-44 ..	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172
1944-45 ..	937,391	335,138	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818
1945-46 ..	1,375,699	327,565	116,960	1,107,913	567,456	307,729
1946-47 (Nine months) ..	1,018,129	388,676	44,909	1,343,461	1,588,086	176,717

(a) Includes Veal.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1942-43 ..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86
1943-44 ..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587
1944-45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437
1945-46 ..	10,272	1,689	1,037	3,014	1,529	1,205
1946-47 (Nine months) ..	7,477	1,871	375	3,258	4,413	787

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)

QUANTITY.

	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Bushels.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1938-39..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1942-43..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	22,544,103	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943-44..	1,680,747	36,299	211,678	33,658,458	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1945-46..	880,960	30,614	367,912	12,794,070	10,377,511	7,124,419	946,545
1946-47 (Nine months)	519,343	28,743	474,658	10,326,997	10,894,916	8,167,305	1,359,975

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1938-39..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1942-43..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,494	37,694	6,624
1943-44..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,232	9,535
1944-45..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945-46..	1,951	198	893	6,378	11,337	50,880	12,899
1946-47 (Nine months)	1,223	188	1,265	5,508	14,929	73,598	20,697

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nails and Waste.

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM EACH STATE TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

July-March 1945-46 and 1946-47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1946-47.	1945-46.

BUTTER.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	55	60,755	19,648	5,031	1,896	2,134	89,519	6,392	87,224
Canada ..	..	1,456	..	..	..	..	1,456	95	..
Ceylon ..	116	967	..	..	..	..	1,083	81	3,133
Hong Kong ..	110	175	..	..	..	..	285	23	202
India ..	94	238	..	..	..	..	332	32	2,263
Malaya (British)	44	680	..	..	..	..	724	52	88
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	148	6	40	..	..	..	194	21	645
Palestine ..	18	194	..	..	..	..	212	15	..
Union of South Africa ..	26	179	..	..	..	..	205	22	202
Other British Countries ..	81	1,351	..	216	4	..	1,652	179	3,257
Egypt ..	282	2,669	..	..	..	..	2,951	234	982
Italy ..	..	884	..	..	..	..	884	96	..
Japan ..	1,026	..	..	..	..	..	1,026	91	38
Pacific Islands (Foreign) ..	347	161	67	..	..	..	575	70	199
Other Foreign Countries ..	147	527	41	..	..	..	715	74	113
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	2,494	70,242	19,796	5,247	1,900	2,134	101,813	..	..
1945-46..	11,311	41,449	40,918	1,840	2,828	..	..	..	98,346
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	238	4,652	1,763	456	160	208	..	7,477	..
1945-46..	1,044	3,669	3,644	164	251	..	..	..	8,772

CHEESE.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	37	15,814	2,408	12,266	11	2	30,538	1,249	10,415
Ceylon ..	72	370	..	14	..	..	456	30	456
Hong Kong ..	70	63	29	147	..	..	309	20	75
India ..	141	664	..	63	..	..	868	74	6,808
Malaya (British)	47	1,281	..	6	2	..	1,336	99	16
Palestine ..	13	1,452	..	..	..	..	1,465	107	..
Union of South Africa ..	14	292	..	..	..	..	306	23	35
West Indies (Br.)	185	100	..	..	..	..	285	25	..
Other British Countries ..	49	39	6	..	..	..	94	7	140
Egypt ..	106	1,552	..	..	..	..	1,658	125	1,832
French Indo- China ..	146	..	..	..	..	..	146	11	..
Japan ..	361	..	..	..	..	..	361	26	..
Philippine Islands	67	62	75	189	..	..	393	28	..
Siam ..	..	..	..	189	..	..	189	9	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	220	169	20	54	1	..	464	38	1,045
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	1,528	21,858	2,538	12,928	14	2	38,868	..	..
1945-46..	5,291	7,856	3,476	4,185	14	..	..	..	20,822
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	123	1,000	135	612	1	..	..	1,871	..
1945-46..	268	432	163	176	2	..	..	..	1,041

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July–March 1945–46 and 1946–47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1946–47.	1945–46.

BACON AND HAMS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	175	459	7	298	16	..	955	90	..
Ceylon ..	57	212	..	225	..	..	494	42	3,698
Hong Kong ..	66	..	2	..	..	..	68	6	56
India ..	26	51	..	..	..	..	77	7	444
Malaya (British)	34	79	..	..	421	..	534	42	438
Other British Countries ..	80	64	19	..	6	..	169	15	2,800
Egypt ..	812	151	..	..	202	..	1,165	91	1,361
Italy ..	238	..	..	..	..	..	238	22	264
Japan ..	680	..	..	..	..	..	680	49	13
Other Foreign Countries ..	20	2	7	..	82	..	111	11	254
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946–47..	2,188	1,018	35	523	727	..	4,491	..	..
1945–46..	5,583	2,220	392	..	1,133	..	..	..	9,328
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946–47..	169	109	3	34	60	..	..	375	..
1945–46..	554	187	29	..	81	..	..	..	851

BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL)—FROZEN AND CHILLED.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	5,645	13,016	85,330	2,226	12,494	..	118,711	2,770	40,498
Ceylon ..	514	869	..	608	..	..	1,991	62	8,602
Hong Kong ..	2,280	317	..	..	..	..	2,597	55	950
India ..	17	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	29,467
Malaya (British)	1,685	1,815	1,129	..	1,021	..	5,650	153	7,339
Pacific Isl's (Br.)	111	21	34	..	6	..	172	7	1,723
Other British Countries ..	..	28	..	..	..	..	91	5	5,865
Egypt ..	1,186	113	349	..	..	..	1,648	57	1,509
Iraq ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,192
Japan ..	3,215	..	252	..	..	..	3,407	148	405
Other Foreign Countries ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	215
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946–47..	14,716	16,181	87,094	2,834	13,521	..	134,346	..	..
1945–46..	10,605	2,169	77,735	..	8,256	..	..	..	98,765
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946–47..	432	393	2,098	64	271	..	..	3,258	..
1945–46..	370	63	1,827	..	247	..	..	..	2,507

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July-March 1945-46 and 1946-47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1946-47.	1945-46.

MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	25,365	106,042	1,646	13,567	6,833	137	153,590	4,284	38,240
Ceylon ..	385	953	..	363	..	..	1,701	40	6,438
Hong Kong ..	547	..	..	..	..	..	547	17	63
India ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1,522
Malaya (British)	620	164	..	..	449	..	1,233	24	130
Other British Countries ..	130	5	7	..	4	..	146	5	2,051
Egypt ..	423	23	16	..	..	..	462	17	444
Japan ..	974	..	152	..	..	..	1,126	26	61
Other Foreign Countries ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	28,448	107,187	1,821	13,930	7,286	137	158,809	..	..
1945-46..	14,561	22,699	3,372	3,329	5,002	..	..	..	48,963
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1946-47..	743	2,999	37	461	167	6	..	4,413	..
1945-46..	404	615	67	93	137	..	..	..	1,316

PORK.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	467	2,943	7,402	1,453	2,703	185	15,153	675	23,214
Ceylon ..	83	159	..	138	..	..	380	18	1,055
Hong Kong ..	..	461	1,057	..	..	..	1,518	59	..
Other British Countries ..	8	51	107	..	..	..	166	8	304
Egypt ..	234	36	63	..	..	..	333	21	250
Other Foreign Countries ..	122	..	..	..	..	..	122	6	35
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	914	3,650	8,629	1,591	2,703	185	17,672	..	..
1945-46..	379	8,244	6,847	3,469	5,919	..	..	..	24,858
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1946-47..	49	149	363	98	115	13	..	787	..
1945-46..	18	321	264	133	212	..	..	..	948

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July-March 1945-46 and 1946-47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1946-47.	1945-46.

DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	4	1,835	..	478	2,917	..	5,234	97	4,897
Ceylon	..	25	..	3	..	..	28	1	24
Malaya (British)	11	46	..	..	1	..	58	2	35
New Zealand	..	610	..	340	..	..	950	20	1,053
Other British Countries	8	105	3	6	..	..	122	2	411
Egypt	..	17	154	..	..	..	171	6	32
Other Foreign Countries	39	7	..	..	..	..	46	2	19
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	62	2,645	157	827	2,918	..	6,609	..	..
1945-46..	233	1,913	..	791	3,534	..	..	..	6,471
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	2	50	6	19	53	..	..	130	..
1945-46..	8	37	..	14	63	..	..	..	122

DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (INCLUDING SULTANAS AND LEXIAS).

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	3	29,799	..	2,089	..	..	31,891	752	4,887
Canada	..	1,911	..	750	..	..	2,661	65	1,800
Ceylon	..	478	..	26	..	..	504	12	459
New Zealand	..	7,163	..	2,135	..	..	9,298	232	9,366
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	25	39	..	..	..	..	64	2	103
Other British Countries	1	395	1	56	3	..	456	13	617
Egypt	..	5	227	..	..	..	232	9	51
Other Foreign Countries	108	22	83	6	..	..	219	8	55
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	137	39,812	311	5,062	3	..	45,325	..	..
1945-46..	675	13,913	3	2,526	21	..	..	..	17,138
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	5	930	12	146	..	..	..	1,093	..
1945-46..	26	317	..	73	1	..	..	..	417

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July–March 1945–46 and 1946–47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1946–47.	1945–46.

DRIED TREE FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	5	..	..	..	5	1,120	1,130	69	254
Ceylon ..	64	8	..	29	1	..	102	5	49
India ..	26	25	..	..	..	..	51	3	143
Malaya (British)	129	115	3	91	5	..	343	24	79
New Zealand ..	..	..	..	110	..	..	110	8	42
Palestine ..	..	174	..	3	..	..	177	18	..
Other British Countries ..	46	129	5	63	1	..	244	16	1,705
Japan ..	360	..	46	..	..	..	406	24	82
Other Foreign Countries ..	2	63	..	246	..	..	311	21	134
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946–47..	632	514	54	542	12	1,120	2,874	..	..
1945–46..	1,702	376	28	171	211	..	..	..	2,488
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1946–47..	36	43	4	35	1	69	..	188	..
1945–46..	116	17	2	13	9	..	..	..	157

FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A.'000.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	11,432	25,049	339	578	262	235	37,895	979	966
Ceylon ..	145	192	..	..	..	..	337	10	1,317
Hong Kong ..	436	224	..	..	..	..	660	18	..
India ..	131	592	..	..	..	9	732	31	7,489
Malaya (British)	552	599	..	17	114	..	1,282	40	257
New Zealand ..	288	1,962	..	..	..	..	2,250	60	2,139
Pacific Isl'ds (Br.)	68	49	..	..	..	..	117	3	756
Other British Countries ..	153	490	..	..	1	..	644	23	6,334
Egypt ..	34	369	..	..	..	..	403	12	114
Japan ..	2,693	..	34	..	..	..	2,727	79	178
Other Foreign Countries ..	37	380	..	..	2	..	419	10	676
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946–47..	15,969	29,066	373	595	379	244	47,466	..	..
1945–46..	8,044	11,835	146	10	56	135	..	..	20,226
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
Value—									
1946–47..	474	749	9	16	10	7	..	1,265	..
1945–46..	209	253	5	..	1	2	..	..	470

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July-March 1945-46 and 1946-47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Nine months.	
							1946-47.	1945-46.

WHEAT.

	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	£A.'000	'000 bushels.
Ceylon ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92
India ..	2,274	13	..	1,273	2,888	..	6,448	3,510	1,678
New Zealand ..	1,096	672	..	1,293	..	..	3,061	1,510	467
Rhodesia, Southern ..	..	..	..	202	339	..	541	337	331
Union of South Africa ..	..	..	..	37	..	..	37	22	286
Other British Countries ..	4	..	..	229	..	..	233	124	3
Foreign Countries ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	14
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	3,381	685	..	3,034	3,227	..	10,327	..	..
1945-46..	17	..	..	883	1,971	..	..	..	2,871
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	1,726	312	..	1,586	1,884	..	..	5,508	..
1945-46..	8	..	..	438	934	..	..	..	1,380

FLOUR.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A.'000.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom ..	1	160	..	..	196	..	357	584	65
Borneo (British) ..	..	34	..	..	..	..	34	41	152
Burma ..	42	19	..	53	..	..	114	156	1
Ceylon ..	765	869	..	151	837	..	2,622	3,497	2,020
Hong Kong ..	204	134	..	170	..	..	508	717	335
India ..	593	9	..	194	188	..	984	1,204	..
Malaya (British) ..	1,401	1,028	..	654	600	..	3,683	5,026	1,362
Mauritius ..	..	399	..	143	..	..	542	1,096	371
New Zealand ..	285	5	..	51	..	..	341	380	256
Pacific Islands (Br.) ..	189	2	..	..	..	..	191	272	270
Union of South Africa ..	171	..	..	10	..	..	181	216	23
Other British Countries ..	1	2	..	..	20	..	23	22	302
China..	376	..	..	386	..	..	762	1,006	..
French Indo-China ..	100	..	..	..	..	..	100	120	72
Japan ..	57	2	9	..	..	..	68	67	..
Madagascar ..	..	..	..	71	..	..	71	94	..
Netherlands East Indies ..	..	..	..	..	54	..	54	87	30
Pacific Islands (Foreign) ..	206	13	..	..	..	..	219	290	156
Rennion Island ..	..	..	..	40	..	..	40	53	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	223
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	4,392	2,676	9	1,923	1,895	..	10,895	..	..
1945-46..	1,951	922	23	1,134	1,608	..	..	..	5,638
Value—	£A.'000	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	5,679	3,926	13	2,691	2,620	..	..	14,929	..
1945-46..	2,095	1,045	10	1,185	1,627	..	..	..	5,962

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July-March 1945-46 and 1946-47.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia—Nine months.		
							1946-47.	1945-46.	
WOOL—GREASY.									
	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A.'000.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	538	299	189	110	120	13	1,269	12,378	1,883
Canada ..	18	13	4	9	1	1	46	485	40
India ..	2	7	..	1	1	..	11	118	16
Other British Countries ..	5	1	1	..	..	..	7	66	1
Belgium ..	726	150	315	106	85	3	1,385	10,685	355
Czechoslovakia ..	9	5	8	10	1	..	33	270	..
Denmark ..	9	4	21	3	..	..	37	333	2
France ..	878	221	319	77	53	5	1,553	12,211	499
Italy ..	520	139	211	32	34	..	936	8,288	..
Mexico ..	8	3	2	..	..	1	14	185	20
Netherlands ..	29	3	9	3	2	..	46	413	..
Portugal ..	7	2	13	..	..	..	22	199	9
Spain ..	5	12	7	..	2	3	29	264	..
Sweden ..	43	7	47	..	2	..	99	947	9
Switzerland ..	13	5	23	3	3	..	47	556	1
Turkey ..	27	9	55	..	5	..	96	1,064	58
United States of America ..	958	522	591	130	271	47	2,519	24,853	2,220
Other Foreign Countries ..	5	10	1	..	2	..	18	283	3
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	3,800	1,412	1,816	484	582	73	8,167	..	..
1945-46..	1,720	847	1,114	576	803	56	..	..	5,116
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	33,100	14,437	15,569	4,126	5,551	815	..	73,598	..
1945-46..	13,639	6,714	8,830	4,561	6,362	447	..	..	40,553

WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.

Country to which Exported.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A.'000.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	106	71	87	13	58	3	338	4,332	157
Canada ..	31	32	3	36	7	11	120	1,893	65
India ..	3	20	..	2	1	..	26	494	44
Other British Countries ..	7	11	..	1	..	..	19	367	16
Belgium ..	66	30	25	18	12	1	152	2,055	43
China ..	28	27	8	4	1	..	68	1,652	1
Denmark ..	3	4	4	2	4	..	17	285	..
Egypt ..	5	5	..	1	3	..	14	282	16
France ..	37	19	15	10	10	..	91	1,166	2
Greece ..	3	5	3	1	..	..	12	216	..
Italy ..	14	16	11	3	9	..	53	890	..
Mexico ..	6	18	4	3	1	..	32	586	42
Netherlands ..	11	5	3	3	1	..	23	351	..
Sweden ..	8	30	8	8	2	..	56	945	8
Turkey ..	16	8	9	..	2	..	35	633	3
United States of America ..	85	68	62	15	16	15	261	3,752	249
Other Foreign Countries ..	14	16	7	3	3	..	43	798	14
Total Nine months—									
Quantity—									
1946-47..	443	385	249	123	130	30	1,360	..	..
1945-46..	198	187	99	71	73	32	..	..	660
Value—	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1946-47..	6,660	6,211	3,679	1,958	1,742	447	..	20,697	..
1945-46..	2,463	3,057	1,007	920	867	367	..	..	8,681

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
TAXATION—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs	31,161	20,806	20,607	21,488	28,894
Excise	16,472	44,072	46,685	45,689	49,067
Sales Tax	9,308	28,846	27,909	29,672	33,600
Flour Tax	1,809	1,709	1,940	1,996	1,779
Land Tax	1,489	3,873	3,819	3,664	3,782
Income Tax(a)	11,883	141,027	183,799	215,534	214,594
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	10,451	10,903	11,088	11,499
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	525	318	343	383
Estate Duty	1,915	2,696	2,761	3,090	3,880
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	145	222	329	393
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	2,994	4,704	5,027	5,070
Wool Levy(b)	74	82	85	75	270
Total Taxation	74,111	257,226	303,752	337,995	353,211
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	24,391	26,679	27,872	28,455
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,226	1,027	989	769
Central Australia	138	1,584	1,737	1,046	711
North Australia	50	792	823	820	174
Australian Capital Territory	7	15	15	11	11
Total Railways	526	3,617	3,602	2,866	1,665
Total Business Undertakings	17,892	28,008	30,281	30,738	30,120
TERRITORIES(c)	356	447	482	455	508
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest(d)	1,144	1,081	1,166	1,202	1,143
Coinage	128	2,589	2,028	1,307	605
Defence	151	1,490	202	126	250
Civil Aviation	6	401	770	1,173	1,166
Health	18	14	24	12	14
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	68	58	67	77	95
Bankruptcy	31	23	17	16	15
Commerce	6	258	115	13	11
Marine	152	101	96	261	251
Net Profit, Note Issue	767	2,248	2,629	2,949	2,939
Balance of Trust Accounts .. .. .	..	218	127	102	..
Other	235	297	432	428	452
Total	2,706	8,778	7,673	7,666	6,941
Grand Total	95,065	294,459	342,188	376,854	390,780
PER HEAD(e)—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 14 0	35 15 3	41 17 0	46 1 9	47 12 11
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	3 17 11	4 3 5	4 3 10	4 1 3
Other	0 8 11	1 5 8	1 2 6	1 2 2	1 0 2
Total	13 14 6	40 18 10	47 2 11	51 7 9	52 14 4

(a) Includes Social Services Contribution, War-time (Company) Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (d) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States). (e) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—continued—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange..	9,665	9,384	9,313	9,121	8,959
War Pensions	8,227	8,346	9,267	9,250	9,121
Repatriation	994	850	902	759	655
Other	371	141	122	159	157
Total, War, &c.	19,257	18,721	19,604	19,289	18,892
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	..	15,119	24,762	34,198	41,538
War Pensions .. .. .	..	662	1,737	2,771	4,915
Other	(a) 8,061	143,697	141,344	157,605	179,198
Total, Defence, War, &c... ..	8,061	159,478	167,843	194,574	225,651
Total Cost of Departments (b)—					
Governor-General	33	29	32	49	35
Parliament	445	487	599	603	550
Prime Minister	1,356	1,359	1,603	1,616	1,920
External Affairs	70	216	251	244	563
Treasury	2,258	3,564	3,779	3,935	4,150
Attorney-General	281	351	387	434	473
Interior	1,275	841	807	856	953
Works and Housing	(c)	49	43	49	109
Civil Aviation	328	350	360	439	739
Trade and Customs	1,064	872	816	873	983
Health	338	386	379	393	429
Commerce and Agriculture	994	1,022	1,034	1,043	1,375
Social Services	325	393	412	443	666
Supply and Shipping	215	246	275	273	280
External Territories	(d)	25	20	36	45
Immigration	(c)	27	31	32	73
Social Services—					
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	15,992	22,293	21,699	21,701	(e)
Child Endowment .. .. .	..	11,660	12,257	12,036	(e)
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	..	2,359	2,801	2,965	(e)
Maternity Allowances	437	281	(e) 28	(e)	(e)
National Welfare Fund .. .. .	..	..	27,889	30,000	46,499
Business Undertakings (b)—					
Postmaster-General	15,028	19,939	22,481	23,993	24,775
Railways	1,351	2,726	3,069	2,795	2,189
Territories (b) (f)—					
Australian Capital Territory	637	677	698	737	831
Northern Territory	403	329	302	295	366
Papua	49	5	5	5	5
New Guinea	6	2	2	2	2
Norfolk Island	5	5	4	4	4
Total, Territories	1,100	1,018	1,011	1,043	1,208
New Works (g)	6,565	3,961	4,677	5,705	6,660
Payment to or on behalf of States (h)—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,478	1,588	1,578	1,683	1,616
Special Grants	2,020	2,175	2,470	2,846	2,996
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works	4,266	1,603	1,487	2,201	3,327
Income Tax Reimbursement—Grants ..	..	26,432	32,047	32,666	32,755
Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grant .. .. .	..	..	..	..	553
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement—Grants .. .. .	..	574	766	766	766
Other Grants	300	140	127	122	16
Total to or for States	15,649	40,097	46,060	47,869	49,614
Assistance to Primary Producers ..	2,015	(i) 1,709	(i) 1,941	(i) 3,566	(i) 1,949
Grand Total	94,437	294,459	342,188	376,854	390,780
Per Head of Population (j) ..	£13 12 8	£40 18 10	£47 2 11	£51 7 9	£52 14 4

(a) Expenditure on the Defence Departments (Navy, Army and Air) and Department of Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). (b) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (c) Included with Department of Interior. (d) Included with Prime Minister's Department. (e) Expenditure met from National Welfare Fund (see next page). (f) Excludes Railways. See Business Undertakings. (g) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services. (h) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (i) In addition, the following amounts were provided under War Services:—1942-43, £3,085,000; 1943-44, £12,322,000; 1944-45, £14,280,000; 1945-46, £19,755,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL WELFARE FUND—EXPENDITURE.

Item.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Invalid and Old-age Pensions .. ..	..	..	26,962
Funeral Benefits	105	164	185
Child Endowment .. ..	..	..	18,019
Widows' Pensions .. ..	..	..	3,247
Maternity Allowances	2,259	2,543	2,493
Hospital Benefit .. ..	..	..	1,111
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits ..	..	..	1,144
Total	2,364	2,707	53,161

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Total to 30th June, 1946.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19) and Repatriation Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services ..	..	402,852	377,157	266,040	152,948	1,540,269
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	Cr. 1	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,863
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department ..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	40,541
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways ..	..	Cr. 35	Cr. 10	Cr. 41	Cr. 7	13,767
Territories (b) ..	..	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	Cr. 8	Cr. 9	8,796
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Housing ..	..	..	..	..	6,795	6,795
Other ..	1,996	206	(c) 223	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	3,594	165	206	Cr. 50	6,779	117,322
GRAND TOTAL ..	3,594	403,017	377,363	265,990	159,727	2,030,581

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T. (c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War and Post-war purposes.	For other Purposes.		
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	%	
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	83,378	34,159	..	2½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 ..	35,000	244,589	48,331	..	2½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	196,513	37,373	..	2½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	77,300	454,865	82,667	..	2½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	432,555	101,806	..	2½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	567,695	126,408	..	2½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 ..	150,000	452,700	150,549	..	2½	1948-49, 1950-60
26/9/44 to 4/11/44 ..	112,479	421,517	113,937	..	2½	1948-49, 1950-60
13/3/45 to 27/4/45 ..	100,000	422,811	107,302	..	2½	1949-50, 1950-61
25/9/45 to 15/11/45 ..	85,000	260,470	87,219	..	2½	1949-50, 1950-61
12/3/46 to 16/4/46 ..	70,000	193,348	78,473	..	2½	1949, 1955-58
15/10/46 to 15/11/46 ..	64,020	193,862	61,251	8,500	2½	1949, 1955-58
15/4/47 to 21/4/47 ..	25,000	(b) 53,166	(b) 29,467	..	2½	1950, 1956-59
Total ..	1,109,799	4,103,647	1,135,576	34,989	..	..

(a) Excludes Conversion Loans. (b) Preliminary, subject to revision.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st March, 1947, see page 57.

COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1946.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1946.		Pensions Paid during 1945-46. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales(c)	108,885	28,255	136,940	370	96	s. d. 62 9	s. d. 63 7	£ 11,225,455	s. d. 76 8
Victoria ..	69,308	13,599	82,907	341	67	62 6	63 0	6,822,535	67 6
Queensland ..	34,808	9,807	44,615	319	90	62 11	63 6	3,661,205	67 5
South Australia(d)	23,565	4,836	28,401	367	75	61 4	62 8	2,334,584	73 2
Western Australia	18,797	3,538	22,335	380	72	61 7	62 9	1,860,547	75 8
Tasmania ..	9,663	2,833	12,496	385	113	62 1	63 6	1,058,094	84 10
Total ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	356	84	62 6	63 4	26,962,420	72 9

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

COMMONWEALTH OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	£ 1,847,440	s. d. 19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 8
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,881	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	23 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38 5
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c)41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c)48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c)51 1
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(c)51 11
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5
1946 ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	356	84	26,962,420	(c)62 8

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 11s. July, 1945. Rate £3 5s. 0d. from 5th July, 1945. On 6th April, 1944, adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished. (d) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

State.	Endowed Families.		Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1945-46.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	211,946	375,395	721	1,277	7,076,691	48 4
Victoria	135,377	229,982	667	1,132	4,464,619	44 2
Queensland	83,043	156,426	761	1,433	3,009,239	55 5
South Australia (d)	44,509	75,175	694	1,171	1,427,167	44 9
Western Australia	39,114	69,325	792	1,403	1,285,062	52 3
Tasmania	19,830	39,239	790	1,563	756,400	60 8
Total 1945-46	533,819	945,542	717	1,269	18,019,178	48 7
1944-45	518,293	920,427	702	1,246	12,036,249	32 9

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,989 in 342 institutions at 30th June, 1946; 18,116 in 335 institutions at 30th June, 1945. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1946.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1945-46.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.(c)
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales (d)	17,355	59	7,096	5 18 8	1,295,240	8 10
Victoria	12,748	63	3,565	5 8 11	899,747	8 11
Queensland	6,363	58	2,446	5 15 6	484,551	8 11
South Australia (e)	3,656	57	1,082	5 9 8	251,523	7 11
Western Australia	2,870	58	891	5 10 4	202,625	8 3
Tasmania	1,595	64	627	5 14 11	113,647	9 1
Total 1945-46	44,587	60	15,707	5 14 0	3,247,333	8 9
1944-45	44,155	60	15,284	5 6 1	2,965,446	8 1

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. (b) Excludes ten (1945-46) and nine (1944-45) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1941	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538
1943	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
1946	60,730	40,991	25,281	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	156,446	2,492,495
Total since 10.10.12	1,521,426	1,001,314	582,843	335,414	246,985	163,961	1,124	3,853,067	24,037,241

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the income limit was abolished. From 5th April, 1944, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £5; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £6; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £7 10s. An allowance of £1 5s. per week is payable for the four weeks immediately before and after birth of child and is increased to £1 17s. 6d. per week when twins are born and to £2 10s. per week when triplets are born. (c) Included with South Australia.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

For particulars of persons on benefit and benefits paid see page 71.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a) ..	53,744	16,540	68,305	138,589	£ s. d. 1 17 1	£ s. d. 1 2 0	£ s. d. 1 7 10
Victoria ..	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2 0 7	1 5 6	1 11 4
Queensland ..	15,681	4,782	19,949	40,412	1 19 10	1 2 3	1 9 1
South Australia (b) ..	11,122	3,789	14,387	29,298	2 0 11	1 3 3	1 9 11
Western Australia ..	14,016	4,307	19,598	37,921	1 17 0	1 0 8	1 6 9
Tasmania ..	5,352	1,575	7,576	14,503	2 15 4	1 2 6	1 14 7
United Kingdom ..	1,483	1,571	1,799	4,853	2 13 1	2 1 2	2 4 10
Elsewhere ..	319	139	330	788	2 5 5	1 14 9	1 19 1
Total 1945-46 ..	137,737	45,860	175,793	359,390	1 19 6	1 3 3	1 9 5
1944-45 ..	106,746	37,825	136,508	281,079	2 3 8	1 4 11	1 12 1

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,913	1,275	776	434	486	87	4,971
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,045	943	759	476	463	210	3,896
Dependants ..	981	997	619	439	407	190	3,633
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	111	78	13	17	19	6	244
Dependants ..	153	109	17	23	28	15	345
Total 1945-46 ..	4,203	3,402	2,184	1,389	1,403	508	13,089
1944-45 ..	4,019	3,293	2,119	1,255	1,343	537	12,566
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 15 10	2 16 0	2 17 6	2 17 9	2 12 10	2 14 11	2 16 0
Dependants ..	1 16 1	1 16 8	1 16 7	1 18 2	1 16 10	1 14 8	1 16 7
All Pensioners 1945-46 ..	2 10 6	2 9 9	2 11 5	2 11 3	2 7 10	2 6 9	2 10 1
1944-45 ..	2 1 6	2 0 8	2 2 5	2 1 8	1 18 9	1 18 9	2 1 1

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

Place of Payment.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
(i) War Pensions.						
New South Wales(a) ..	£ 2,560,477	£ 2,576,241	£ 2,897,870	£ 3,661,182	£ 4,068,399	£ 4,874,706
Victoria ..	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522	3,245,026	3,640,063
Queensland ..	853,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089	1,291,869	1,466,574
South Australia(b) ..	485,919	494,166	575,168	763,350	851,527	1,049,768
Western Australia ..	671,457	668,617	752,885	941,924	1,052,734	1,264,951
Tasmania ..	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,675	551,350	624,354
Elsewhere ..	267,880	267,664	265,854	258,867	336,480	337,801
Total ..	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796	4,903,409
(ii) Service Pensions.						
New South Wales(a) ..	£ 162,935	£ 185,315	£ 218,173	£ 216,001	£ 199,535	£ 253,274
Victoria ..	126,975	140,916	163,116	163,377	169,716	206,276
Queensland ..	88,088	106,120	119,032	113,143	113,847	141,965
South Australia(b) ..	57,758	60,105	61,953	63,525	66,651	85,803
Western Australia ..	55,783	64,652	73,503	72,096	72,158	86,339
Tasmania ..	19,564	22,548	24,332	24,392	27,089	31,223
Total ..	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534	648,996	804,880
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	..	2,314	6,403	7,528	11,372

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1944-45.

Grade of Taxable Income.	Taxpayers.		Taxable Income.		Net Tax Assessed.		
	No.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount per Taxpayer.
Individuals—			£'000.		£'000.		£ s. d.
Under £201 ..	493,155	24.0	75,221	9.6	1,242	3.0	2 10 4
£201-£500 ..	1,249,567	60.9	421,767	53.7	14,728	36.1	11 15 9
£501-£1,000 ..	243,225	11.8	156,759	19.9	8,971	22.0	36 17 8
£1,001 and over	66,906	3.3	132,301	16.8	15,886	38.9	237 8 10
Total Individuals	2,052,853	100.0	786,048	100.0	(a) 40,827	100.0	19 17 9
Companies ..	15,991	..	154,128	..	(b) 54,941	..	3,435 14 6
Grand Total ..	..	..	940,176	..	95,768	..	..

(a) Assessed on income for year 1943-44. Due to the introduction of the "pay-as-you-earn" system, net tax assessed to individuals was reduced by approximately 75 per cent. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,803,580, War-time (Company) Tax, £4,389,683, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £4,277,386.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners ..	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners ..	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Resident ..	225,775	228,207	234,273	244,513	244,223
Absentee ..	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,685	1,444
TOTAL ..	227,775	230,255	236,166	246,198	245,667
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident ..	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,289
Absentee ..	2,168	2,197	2,080	1,992	1,580
TOTAL ..	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,869
TAX ASSESSED ON—	£	£	£	£	£
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners ..	3,207	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL ..	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL ..	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED(a)	'000 ac.				
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	57.636	56.696	56.131	63.556	62.702
	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1945-46.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1-1,000 ..	3,097	6,953	1,240	37,299
1,001-2,000 ..	1,617	5,608	2,354	70,374
2,001-3,000 ..	964	4,402	2,363	71,036
3,001-4,000 ..	691	3,918	2,389	71,363
4,001-5,000 ..	494	3,332	2,212	66,150
5,001-10,000 ..	1,194	11,293	8,338	250,067
10,001-20,000 ..	788	13,384	11,129	488,834
20,001-50,000 ..	376	13,749	11,089	919,203
50,001 and over	96	11,515	8,982	1,837,515
Total	9,317	74,154	50,096	3,811,844

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1945-46.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		7½ per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
1944-45.						
October	£'000. 54,955	£'000. 5,445	£'000. 10,773	£'000. 3,066	£'000. 19,284	£'000. 2,521
November	54,451	5,272	11,354	3,134	19,760	2,597
December	51,470	5,042	10,224	3,064	18,330	2,422
Total December Quarter ..	160,876	15,759	32,351	9,264	57,374	7,540
January	46,794	4,046	10,217	2,418	16,681	2,185
February	49,074	5,529	10,544	2,806	18,879	2,434
March	52,748	6,292	11,816	2,829	20,937	2,656
Total March Quarter ..	148,616	15,867	32,577	8,053	56,497	7,275
April	47,909	5,464	10,321	2,570	18,355	2,342
May	54,639	5,642	11,458	2,854	19,954	2,569
June	52,752	5,155	11,293	2,607	19,055	2,450
Total June Quarter ..	155,300	16,261	33,072	8,031	57,364	7,361
Total Year	627,143	64,749	132,705	33,831	231,285	29,897
1945-46.						
July	£'000. 54,172	£'000. 5,590	£'000. 11,844	£'000. 2,989	£'000. 20,423	£'000. 2,647
August	55,135	6,032	11,388	3,044	20,464	2,637
September	53,279	6,061	11,133	2,946	20,140	2,583
Total September Quarter ..	162,586	17,683	34,365	8,979	61,027	7,867
October	55,429	6,023	11,753	3,173	20,949	2,714
November	56,772	6,291	12,121	3,849	22,261	2,949
December	49,025	5,153	11,098	3,154	19,405	2,562
Total December Quarter ..	161,226	17,467	34,972	10,176	62,615	8,225
January	48,641	4,748	11,096	2,589	18,433	2,390
February	53,573	6,813	13,643	3,194	23,650	3,015
March	62,230	7,945	15,070	3,556	26,571	3,368
Total March Quarter ..	164,444	19,506	39,809	9,339	68,654	8,773
April	57,684	7,154	14,470	3,050	24,674	3,108
May	65,616	7,879	16,856	3,074	27,809	3,466
June	56,878	6,227	14,564	2,394	23,185	2,886
Total June Quarter ..	180,178	21,260	45,890	8,518	75,668	9,460
Total Year	668,434	75,916	155,036	37,012	267,964	34,325
1946-47.						
July	£'000. 64,545	£'000. 8,094	£'000. 16,808	£'000. 3,407	£'000. 28,309	£'000. 3,559
August	69,671	8,997	18,109	3,346	30,452	3,775
September	68,951	8,241	17,542	3,498	29,281	3,685
Total September Quarter ..	203,167	25,332	52,459	10,251	88,042	11,019
October	71,773	8,605	18,978	3,676	31,259	3,937
November	80,974	4,214	(e) 23,076	4,063	31,353	3,909
December (f)	50,600	..	(g) 15,500	2,600	18,100	2,200
Total December Quarter (f) ..	203,347	12,819	57,554	10,339	80,712	10,046

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. From 15th November, 1946, it was exempted. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. From 15th November, 1946, the rate of 12½ per cent. was reduced to 10 per cent. (e) Includes £12,292,000 sales taxable at 10 per cent. rate. (f) Partly estimated—subject to revision. (g) Sales taxable at 10 per cent. rate.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1945-46 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £800,000 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,658,000, and from the Expenditure total of £72,288,000. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Special Grants under section 6 of the *State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942* paid to South Australia in respect of 1944-45 and to South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in respect of 1945-46 have been included under Commonwealth Payments.

STATE REVENUES, 1945-46.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation (b) ..	7,146	4,669	2,667	2,071	(c) 1,051	1,133	13,737
Railways ..	31,313	14,822	11,659	(d) 4,920	4,143	..	66,857
Tramways (e) ..	5,935	(f) 127	..	..	522	..	6,584
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,041	2,425	..	2,014	2,063	5	8,548
Land ..	1,649	882	1,520	231	354	95	4,731
Interest n.e.i. ..	501	1,510	911	811	382	472	4,587
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	17,963	8,931	6,852	5,490	4,930	1,949	46,115
All other Sources ..	5,311	1,825	1,165	806	963	279	10,349
Total Revenue ..	71,859	35,191	24,774	16,343	14,408	3,933	166,508
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 13 6	£ s. d. 17 8 4	£ s. d. 22 16 3	£ s. d. 25 16 8	£ s. d. 29 5 9	£ s. d. 15 15 4	£ s. d. 22 10 5

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	51,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1943 ..	71,534	36,490	29,284	15,192	13,152	(a) 3,290	168,942
1944 ..	72,471	35,544	28,968	15,545	13,589	(a) 3,499	169,616
1945 ..	74,213	35,273	26,447	16,113	13,954	(a) 3,657	169,657
1946 ..	71,859	35,191	24,774	16,343	14,408	(a) 3,933	166,508

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1945-46.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,499	8,403	5,950	5,194	4,527	1,376	40,949
Railways ..	24,687	12,073	10,018	4,804	3,853	6	55,441
Tramways (e) ..	5,982	..	..	..	428	..	6,410
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,260	1,802	1	1,021	1,327	(i) 255	5,666
Education ..	7,177	4,362	2,467	1,455	1,137	737	17,355
Hospitals ..	3,810	2,042	873	789	444	331	8,289
Other Charities ..	1,463	584	636	218	251	140	3,292
All other Expenditure	11,610	5,919	4,815	2,862	2,411	1,189	28,836
Total Expenditure	71,488	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	4,034	166,218
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 10 11	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 22 16 0	£ s. d. 25 16 8	£ s. d. 29 5 9	£ s. d. 16 3 5	£ s. d. 22 9 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	54,169	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,770
1943 ..	70,392	35,736	29,182	14,960	13,127	(a) 3,400	166,797
1944 ..	71,288	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	(a) 3,469	167,615
1945 ..	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	(a) 3,676	167,785
1946 ..	71,488	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	(a) 4,034	166,218

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1945-46, see p. 56. (c) Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainment tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1945-46.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways	2,275	382	251	308	70	91	3,377
Tramways (b) ..	1	..	..	Cr. 59	1	..	Cr. 57
Roads and Bridges ..	284	Cr. 26	309	Cr. 16	..	163	1,024
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	204	4	32	32	38	..	..
Water Supply and Sewerage	68	429	30	649	143	..	1,319
Electricity Supply ..	210	..	..	..	104	349	663
Public Buildings ..	458	360	381	174	225	87	1,685
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 199	Cr. 41	..	..	..	Cr. 1	Cr. 241
Housing	Cr. 640	Cr. 977	495	Cr. 63	Cr. 122	200	Cr. 1,107
Other(c)	54	..	Cr. 138	Cr. 12	31	44	Cr. 21
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (d) ..	224	Cr. 571	Cr. 49	9	Cr. 79	Cr. 138	Cr. 604
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	306	..	..	61	94	..	461
Other	18	480	Cr. 19	105	205	..	789
Other purposes .. ..	..	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 135	102	..	Cr. 34
Total Works, &c. ..	3,263	39	1,292	1,053	812	795	7,254
Per Head (e) ..	£ s. d. 1 2 5	£ s. d. 0 0 5	£ s. d. 1 3 10	£ s. d. 1 13 3	£ s. d. 1 13 0	£ s. d. 3 3 9	£ s. d. 0 19 8
Non-Works	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	639	..	1,837	1,294	1,211	..	4,981
Other (f) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	3,902	39	3,129	2,347	2,023	795	12,235

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1946.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways, Tramways (b)	170,193	80,149	67,536	40,435	27,229	8,008	393,550
Roads and Bridges ..	21,097	12,667	5,854	3,809	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,684	1,417	3,598	8,610	7,582	7,490	97,991
Water Supply and Sewerage	41,107	32,766	1,010	23,772	15,106	..	113,761
Electricity Supply ..	2,890	17,839	..	..	2,034	8,419	31,182
Public Buildings ..	18,917	9,528	8,281	4,268	3,213	3,194	47,401
Unemployment Relief ..	16,436	13,147	..	..	(h)	331	29,914
Housing	1,788	1,965	4,149	5,732	791	780	15,205
Other (c)	9,775	2,505	22,545	2,402	2,307	3,302	42,836
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (d) ..	12,500	45,071	5,465	11,258	17,449	2,484	94,227
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,846	..	1,954	9,267	3,996	..	35,063
Other	7,854	6,835	7,947	2,333	14,687	19	39,675
Other purposes	89	302	124	3,572	3,765	..	7,852
Total Works	345,176	224,191	128,463	115,458	101,342	34,027	948,657
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,990	9,119	5,826	8,669	12,115	1,581	76,300
Other (f)	20,334	7,207	13,174	2,571	5,377	1,597	50,260
Grand Total ..	404,500	240,517	147,463	126,698	118,834	37,205	1,075,217

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1946.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	197,198	144,675	11,367	353,240	6,133	5,188	549	11,870
Victoria	119,070	56,159	4,498	179,727	4,022	1,874	221	6,117
Queensland	76,442	51,582	5,271	133,295	2,562	1,795	279	4,636
South Australia ..	71,184	37,831	1,734	110,749	2,381	1,273	87	3,741
Western Australia ..	55,878	39,032	2,016	96,926	1,813	1,308	100	3,221
Tasmania	22,873	8,314	227	31,414	735	295	12	1,042
Total	542,645	337,593	25,113	905,351	17,646	11,733	1,248	30,627

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £ Stg. 1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Government of—	Nine Months ended March—					
	1945-46.			1946-47.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	49,273	50,552	— 1,279	52,858	53,740	— 882
Victoria ..	22,263	25,169	— 2,906	24,850	27,136	— 2,286
Queensland ..	17,456	18,275	— 819	17,453	18,176	— 723
South Australia ..	10,616	11,901	— 1,285	12,081	12,552	— 471
Western Australia ..	9,829	10,645	— 816	10,196	10,875	— 679
Tasmania ..	2,542	2,975	— 433	3,170	3,175	— 5
Six States ..	111,979	119,517	— 7,538	120,608	125,654	— 5,046
Commonwealth ..	250,134	250,134	..	285,209	285,209	..
Grand Total(b) ..	334,134	341,672	— 7,538	372,282	377,328	— 5,046

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Government of—	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation.(b)		Expenditure—			
					Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.	
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1945-46.	1946-47.
New South Wales ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victoria ..	9,981	12,632	4,998	5,420	16,586	19,118	11,317	10,740
Queensland ..	5,275	6,828	3,192	4,151	9,536	11,004	6,236	6,021
South Australia ..	4,079	4,762	2,061	2,261	6,034	6,131	4,646	4,915
Western Australia ..	2,636	3,787	1,506	1,599	3,581	4,244	3,978	3,873
Tasmania ..	2,793	3,297	760	820	3,130	3,616	3,477	3,387
Six States ..	1,073	1,545	868	1,000	1,646	1,988	985	955
Commonwealth ..	25,837	32,851	13,385	15,251	40,513	46,101	30,639	29,891
Grand Total ..	..	..	222,027	256,557	£157,852	£169,705	42,898	46,487
	25,837	32,851	235,412	271,808	198,365	215,806	74,537	76,378

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1945-46, £105,073,000; 1946-47, £91,756,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

Government of—	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Nine Months ended March—							
	1945-46.		1946-47.		1945-46.		1946-47.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	23,358	6,171	23,771	5,643	18,007	5,108	18,738	5,144
Victoria(b) ..	10,757	206	10,672	131	9,127	270	9,875	236
Queensland(c) ..	8,885	..	7,765	..	7,594	..	7,130	..
South Australia ..	3,575	1,642	3,477	1,801	3,578	764	3,645	790
Western Australia ..	3,091	1,941	2,929	1,508	2,869	1,169	3,023	849
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	(d) 344	..	(d) 232	..
Six States ..	49,666	9,960	48,614	9,083	41,519	7,311	42,643	7,019
Commonwealth ..	1,308	e21,217	882	e22,117	1,266	15,192	982	16,646
Grand Total ..	50,974	31,177	49,496	31,200	42,785	22,503	43,625	23,665

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coalmine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1945-46.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	..	472	2	3,317	1,654	2,618	882	819	9,764
Victoria ..	..	86	321	1,825	1,071	1,847	878	499	6,527
Queensland ..	..	65	376	891	738	961	172	459	3,662
South Australia ..	..	53	289	557	288	651	297	73	2,208
Western Australia ..	..	50	111	262	293	393	207	136	1,452
Tasmania ..	..	15	91	213	95	248	84	635	1,381
Total States ..	..	741	1,190	7,065	4,139	6,718	2,520	2,621	24,994
Commonwealth ..	77,961	214,594	3,782	3,880	..	..	5,070	47,924	353,211
Grand Total ..	77,961	215,335	4,972	10,945	4,139	6,718	7,590	50,545	378,205

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	..	0 3 3	..	1 2 10	0 11 4	0 18 0	0 6 1	0 5 6	3 7 0
Victoria ..	..	0 0 10	0 3 2	0 18 1	0 10 8	0 18 4	0 8 8	0 4 11	3 4 8
Queensland ..	..	0 1 2	0 6 11	0 16 5	0 13 7	0 17 8	0 3 2	0 8 6	3 7 5
South Australia ..	..	0 1 8	0 9 2	0 17 7	0 9 1	1 0 7	0 9 5	0 2 4	3 9 10
Western Australia ..	..	0 2 0	0 4 6	0 10 8	0 11 10	0 16 0	0 8 5	0 5 7	2 19 0
Tasmania ..	..	0 1 3	0 7 3	0 17 0	0 7 9	0 19 10	0 6 8	2 11 0	5 10 9
Total States ..	..	0 2 0	0 3 3	0 19 1	0 11 2	0 18 2	0 6 10	0 7 1	3 7 7
Commonwealth ..	10 10 4	28 18 11	0 10 2	0 10 6	..	..	0 13 8	6 9 4	47 12 11
Grand Total ..	10 10 4	29 1 0	0 13 5	1 9 6	0 11 2	0 18 2	1 0 6	6 16 4	51 0 5

(a) The following particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 45 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1942-43 ..	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,474	257,225	(a) 26,329	283,554
1943-44 ..	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,752	303,752	(a) 21,314	325,066
1944-45 ..	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,612	337,995	(a) 22,111	360,106
1945-46 ..	77,961	214,594	33,600	27,056	353,211	(a) 24,994	378,205

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 6	1 14 4	1 6 10	0 15 4	10 14 0	7 6 2	17 19 9
1942-43 ..	9 0 5	19 12 2	4 0 3	3 2 5	35 15 3	(a) 3 13 5	39 8 6
1943-44 ..	9 5 5	25 6 6	3 16 11	3 8 2	41 17 0	(a) 2 18 11	44 15 9
1944-45 ..	9 3 2	29 7 9	4 0 11	3 9 11	46 1 9	(a) 3 0 6	49 2 0
1945-46 ..	10 10 4	28 18 11	4 10 8	3 13 0	47 12 11	(a) 3 7 7	51 0 5

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1945-46.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—							
Income Tax (a) ..	14,884	6,431	5,756	2,308	2,496	880	32,755
Entertainments Tax	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Total ..	15,045	6,804	5,756	2,405	2,594	917	33,521
State Collections ..	9,764	6,527	3,662	2,208	1,452	1,381	24,994
Grant Total ..	24,809	13,331	9,418	4,613	4,046	2,298	58,515
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of population	8 10 4	6 12 0	8 13 5	7 5 10	8 4 6	9 4 3	7 18 3

(a) Excludes additional financial assistance paid by Commonwealth under the State Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st MARCH, 1947.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-19)	158,750	90,369	..	249,119
War (1939-45)—				
Stock and Bonds	1,064,337	5,775	..	1,070,112
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions	13,421	..	..	13,421
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps ..	38	..	..	38
War Savings Certificates ..	58,086	..	..	58,086
War Savings Stamps ..	198	..	..	198
Treasury Bills—Internal ..	90,400	..	..	90,400
Bank	278,280	..	..	278,280
Total	1,506,552	5,775	..	1,512,327
Works and other Purposes ..	62,140	53,285	15,798	131,223
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,727,442	149,429	15,798	1,892,669
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£230 6 3	£19 18 5	£2 2 2	£252 6 10
State—				
Debts of the States	555,319	333,321	24,844	913,484
Per Head of Population(d) ..	£74 4 10	£44 11 3	£3 6 5	£122 2 6
Total Public Debt	2,282,761	482,750	40,642	2,806,153
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£304 7 0	£64 7 4	£5 8 4	£374 2 8

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(a)	£(e)
War (1914-19)	5,977,988	(f) 395,968	..	6,373,956
War (1939-45)	39,121,822	231,000	..	39,352,822
Works and other Purposes ..	1,799,925	1,775,675	776,973	4,352,573
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	46,899,735	2,402,643	776,973	50,079,351
Average Rate per cent.(g) ..	£2 14 4	£3 8 11	£4 18 4	£2 15 3
State—				
Debts of the States	18,041,692	11,293,783	1,000,637	30,336,112
Average Rate per cent.(g) ..	£3 5 0	£3 7 9	£4 0 7	£3 6 5
Grand Total	64,941,427	13,696,426	1,777,610	80,415,463
Average Rate per cent.(g) ..	£2 16 11	£3 8 0	£4 7 6	£2 19 0

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 31st December, 1946 (subject to revision). (d) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 31st December, 1946 (subject to revision). (e) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(f) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,000) due to British Government. (g) Overdue debt, War and National Savings Stamps and Debt due to British Government (see footnote (f)) are excluded for calculating average rate.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1946	1,940	633	896	(b)1,899	361	71	5,800	173,238	179,038
1947	5,052	2,602	2,399	1,535	1,499	902	13,989	19,901	33,890

(a) Includes expenditure on Defence and War Services.
repatriated to Australia.

(b) Includes £1,265,000 Exchange on Debt

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
TOTAL DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	175,194	166,532	164,628	159,318	159,398
	London £Stg.	90,744	90,744	90,744	90,744	90,369
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	712,578	1,098,261	1,357,272	1,510,023
	London £Stg.	..	18,129	6,122	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	38,241	36,190	35,606	54,166
	London £Stg.	72,097	64,884	64,363	64,113	53,535
	New York £Stg.	15,913	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	917,351	1,299,079	1,552,196	1,723,587
	London £Stg.	162,841	173,757	161,229	160,979	149,679
	New York £Stg.	15,913	15,790	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total ..	..	397,251	1,106,898	1,476,098	1,728,965	1,889,056
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	494,116	491,839	514,277	542,645
	London £Stg.	384,328	379,113	373,505	361,392	337,593
	New York £Stg.	28,265	25,610	25,416	25,309	25,113
Total ..	..	897,772	898,839	890,760	900,978	905,351
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	1,411,467	1,790,918	2,066,473	2,266,232
	London £Stg.	547,169	552,870	534,734	522,371	487,272
	New York £Stg.	44,178	41,400	41,206	41,099	40,903
Total ..	..	1,295,023	2,005,737	2,366,858	2,629,943	2,794,407

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Commonwealth—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	25 3 4	23 1 2	22 11 3	21 12 0	21 8 0
	London £Stg.	13 0 9	12 11 3	12 8 10	12 6 0	12 2 8
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	98 13 2	150 10 7	184 0 0	202 14 6
	London £Stg.	..	2 10 3	0 16 9	0 16 7	0 15 6
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 5	5 5 11	4 19 2	4 16 6	7 5 5
	London £Stg.	10 7 1	8 19 8	8 16 5	8 13 10	7 3 9
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 3 9	2 3 3	2 2 10	2 2 5
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 9	127 0 3	178 1 0	210 8 6	231 7 11
	London £Stg.	23 7 10	24 1 2	22 2 0	21 16 5	20 8 11
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 3 9	2 3 3	2 2 10	2 2 5
Total ..	..	57 1 4	153 5 2	202 6 3	234 7 9	253 12 3
State ..	Australia £A.	69 17 8	68 11 11	67 11 10	69 18 1	73 1 0
	London £Stg.	55 7 2	52 12 7	51 6 8	49 2 6	45 8 4
	New York £Stg.	4 1 5	3 11 1	3 9 10	3 8 10	3 7 8
Total ..	..	129 6 3	124 15 7	122 8 4	122 9 5	121 17 7
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	101 1 10	195 8 6	245 9 3	280 2 10	304 5 0
	London £Stg.	78 12 1	76 10 11	73 5 10	70 16 4	65 8 4
	New York £Stg.	6 6 11	5 14 8	5 12 11	5 11 5	5 9 10
Total ..	..	186 0 10	277 14 1	324 8 0	356 10 7	375 3 2

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT—continued.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.(a)	8,345	25,144	33,945	40,047	45,396
	New York £Stg.	3,403	3,291	3,277	3,271	2,408
		778	772	772	772	772
Total(b) ..	..	12,526	29,207	37,994	44,090	48,576
State ..	Australia £A.	17,240	16,863	16,623	16,742	17,646
	London £Stg.	14,963	14,501	14,311	13,928	11,733
	New York £Stg.	1,441	1,272	1,263	1,258	1,248
Total(b) ..	..	33,644	32,636	32,197	31,928	30,627
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	42,007	50,568	56,789	63,042
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	17,792	17,588	17,199	14,141
	New York £Stg.	2,219	2,044	2,035	2,030	2,020
Total(b) ..	..	46,170	61,843	70,191	76,018	79,203

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Commonwealth and State	Australia .. London(a) .. New York ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		3 12 9	2 19 9	2 16 8	2 15 1	2 15 8
		3 18 7	3 17 3	3 17 4	3 17 9	3 9 5
		5 0 6	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
Total(c)	3 16 0	3 4 10	3 1 7	2 19 9	2 18 4

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,000). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange. (c) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								At 31st Mar. 1947.
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.	4,220	3,970	1,750	80,481	259,250	343,280	343,280	343,280	278,280
				3,720	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,720	2,470	2,220
State ..	Australia £A.	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	330	..	..
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	343,280	278,280
	London £Stg.	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,338	25,088

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) NOTE ISSUE.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Denomination.		27th March, 1939.	27th March, 1944.	26th March, 1945.	25th March, 1946.	26th March, 1947.
		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
10s. ..	..	4,112	7,617	8,327	7,999	7,830
£1 ..	..	20,994	57,686	68,655	72,362	66,640
£5 ..	..	11,496	64,625	71,498	78,136	78,163
£10 ..	..	5,094	38,099	33,209	35,878	45,592
£20 ..	..	109	51	37	10	8
£50 ..	..	1,254	3,497	3,196	128	97
£100 ..	..	2,241	4,649	4,216	205	178
£1,000 ..	..	2,230	538	2,606	746	172
Held by banks		14,821	15,583	20,464	17,276	19,269
.. public		32,709	161,179	171,280	178,188	179,411
Total		47,530	176,762	191,744	195,464	198,680

(E.) BANKING.
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.
 (i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Period.	Inter- minable Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Li- abilities.	Total Li- abilities.	
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.					
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.									
Quarter ended	Dec., 1945	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
	..	..	33,269	21,753	55,022	..	348	2,987	58,357
"	Mar., 1946	..	35,541	21,681	57,222	..	347	2,978	60,547
"	June, 1946	..	38,335	19,971	58,306	..	340	2,314	60,960
"	Sept., 1946	..	38,262	18,531	56,793	..	335	1,647	58,775
"	Dec., 1946	..	40,013	18,212	58,225	..	364	1,257	59,846
"	Mar., 1947	..	40,686	17,347	58,033	..	372	1,447	59,852
1946—Month of	Jan. . . . .	..	34,174	22,219	56,393	..	348	3,317	60,058
"	Feb. . . . .	..	35,812	21,732	57,544	..	349	3,157	61,050
"	Mar. . . . .	..	36,640	21,089	57,729	..	345	2,459	60,533
1947—Month of	Jan. . . . .	..	39,107	17,446	56,553	..	401	1,550	58,504
"	Feb. . . . .	..	40,293	17,474	57,767	..	370	1,666	59,803
"	Mar. . . . .	..	42,658	17,121	59,779	..	346	1,125	61,250

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(b)

Quarter ended Dec., 1945	1,664	371,835	222,666	594,501	166	1,358	6,432	604,121
" " Mar., 1946	1,646	406,097	220,195	626,292	166	1,174	6,502	635,780
" " June, 1946	1,646	417,193	214,482	631,675	166	1,218	7,416	642,121
" " Sept., 1946	910	406,639	210,595	617,234	162	1,444	7,664	627,414
" " Dec., 1946	905	421,018	207,011	628,029	158	1,914	7,749	638,755
" " Mar., 1947	891	443,344	206,183	649,527	158	1,743	7,612	659,931
1946—Month of Jan. ..	1,646	392,818	221,374	614,192	166	1,203	6,140	623,347
" " Feb. ..	1,646	407,431	221,154	628,585	166	1,155	6,666	638,218
" " Mar. ..	1,646	418,041	218,058	636,099	166	1,165	6,700	645,776
1947—Month of Jan. ..	894	434,481	207,412	641,893	158	1,772	7,052	651,769
" " Feb. ..	890	444,322	206,118	650,440	158	1,730	7,908	661,126
" " Mar. ..	888	451,229	205,019	656,248	158	1,726	7,877	666,897

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)

Quarter ended Dec., 1945	12,645	7,225	4,842	12,067	..	66	587	25,315
" " Mar., 1946	12,549	7,926	5,161	13,087	..	72	358	26,066
" " June, 1946	12,490	8,320	5,183	13,503	..	86	595	26,674
" " Sept., 1946	12,557	9,353	5,119	14,472	..	73	292	27,394
" " Dec., 1946	12,321	9,847	5,107	14,954	..	93	311	27,679
" " Mar., 1947	12,220	10,248	5,056	15,304	..	85	276	27,885
1946—Month of Jan. ..	12,550	7,452	4,969	12,421	..	72	401	25,444
" " Feb. ..	12,550	8,023	5,216	13,239	..	76	358	26,223
" " Mar. ..	12,549	8,302	5,299	13,601	..	68	315	26,533
1947—Month of Jan. ..	12,220	9,981	5,092	15,073	..	56	285	27,634
" " Feb. ..	12,220	10,292	5,073	15,365	..	120	272	27,977
" " Mar. ..	12,220	10,469	5,004	15,473	..	80	270	28,043

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)(c)

Quarter ended Dec., 1945	14,309	412,329	249,261	661,590	166	1,772	9,956	687,793
" " Mar., 1946	14,195	449,564	247,037	696,601	166	1,593	9,838	722,393
" " June, 1946	14,136	463,848	239,636	703,484	166	1,644	10,325	729,755
" " Sept., 1946	13,467	454,254	234,245	688,499	162	1,852	9,603	713,583
" " Dec., 1946	13,226	470,878	230,330	701,208	158	2,371	9,317	726,280
" " Mar., 1947	13,111	494,278	228,586	722,864	158	2,200	9,335	747,668
1946—Month of Jan. ..	14,196	434,444	248,562	683,006	166	1,623	9,858	708,849
" " Feb. ..	14,196	451,266	248,102	699,368	166	1,580	10,181	725,491
" " Mar. ..	14,195	462,983	244,446	707,429	166	1,578	9,474	732,842
1947—Month of Jan. ..	13,114	483,569	229,950	713,519	158	2,229	8,887	737,907
" " Feb. ..	13,110	494,907	228,665	723,572	158	2,220	9,846	748,906
" " Mar. ..	13,108	504,356	227,144	731,500	158	2,152	9,272	756,190

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. See page 62 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (c) Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.

(ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balan-ces. (b)	Special Account with C'w'lth. Bank.	Balances with other Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securi-ties.	Loans, Ad-vances and Bills Dis-counted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.									
Quarter ended Dec., 1945	£'000. 9,235	£'000. ..	£'000. 168	£'000. 5,000	£'000. 33,321	£'000. ..	£'000. 14,511	£'000. 1,461	£'000. 63,696
" " Mar., 1946	7,117	..	182	3,833	33,920	..	19,080	1,500	65,632
" " June, 1946	5,380	..	249	3,423	34,169	..	21,040	2,121	66,382
" " Sept., 1946	7,060	..	217	2,215	33,695	..	19,507	1,578	64,272
" " Dec., 1946	5,848	..	207	2,000	35,625	..	19,426	2,136	65,242
" " Mar., 1947	6,686	..	238	1,042	34,250	..	21,004	1,724	64,944
1946—Month of Jan. . .	9,010	..	210	5,000	34,462	..	14,525	1,494	64,701
" " Feb. . .	7,002	..	167	3,500	33,900	..	20,373	1,548	66,490
" " Mar. . .	5,340	..	168	3,000	33,400	..	22,341	1,456	65,701
1947—Month of Jan. . .	4,546	..	243	375	35,609	..	20,871	1,817	63,461
" " Feb. . .	7,539	..	247	1,000	33,576	..	20,735	1,711	64,808
" " Mar. . .	7,973	..	224	1,750	33,565	..	21,407	1,644	66,561

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(c)

Quarter ended Dec., 1945	40,384	227,311	8,959	63,008	113,049	164	209,291	12,361	674,527
" " Mar., 1946	43,276	241,546	8,424	72,797	118,903	169	208,611	12,444	706,170
" " June, 1946	34,174	258,261	9,569	51,224	122,775	165	219,698	13,063	708,929
" " Sept., 1946	35,228	253,051	9,603	23,779	113,303	165	239,456	13,851	688,486
" " Dec., 1946	39,047	257,805	10,454	24,608	98,949	165	257,544	14,347	702,919
" " Mar., 1947	42,317	271,843	10,183	34,397	84,440	165	265,434	14,232	723,011
1946—Month of Jan. . .	43,965	232,679	8,195	71,805	117,010	164	208,656	12,458	694,932
" " Feb. . .	44,349	243,019	8,519	72,443	118,961	171	207,723	12,437	707,622
" " Mar. . .	41,514	248,938	8,561	74,142	120,738	171	209,454	12,439	715,957
1947—Month of Jan. . .	46,554	267,819	10,177	28,520	86,317	166	263,580	14,189	717,322
" " Feb. . .	41,757	271,602	10,538	36,445	84,268	166	264,666	14,258	723,700
" " Mar. . .	38,641	276,109	9,832	38,225	82,735	166	268,054	14,249	728,011

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)

Quarter ended Dec., 1945	1,826	1,753	2,670	622	7,402	215	16,765	1,245	32,498
" " Mar., 1946	2,205	1,982	2,302	1,104	7,446	219	16,839	1,238	33,335
" " June, 1946	1,596	2,126	2,059	1,286	8,653	220	16,817	1,293	34,050
" " Sept., 1946	2,517	2,100	2,094	550	8,556	315	21,625	1,969	39,726
" " Dec., 1946	2,239	1,734	1,965	840	8,634	282	22,524	2,153	40,371
" " Mar., 1947	2,808	2,039	1,490	633	8,440	228	23,218	2,388	41,244
1946—Month of Jan. . .	1,747	1,889	2,627	500	7,441	218	17,027	1,228	32,677
" " Feb. . .	2,540	1,972	2,266	992	7,450	220	16,754	1,225	33,419
" " Mar. . .	2,328	2,085	2,012	1,820	7,447	220	16,736	1,260	33,908
1947—Month of Jan. . .	2,487	2,011	1,774	650	8,440	227	23,210	2,285	41,084
" " Feb. . .	3,022	2,029	1,380	625	8,442	227	23,155	2,329	41,209
" " Mar. . .	2,915	2,075	1,317	625	8,439	228	23,289	2,551	41,439

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)(d)

Quarter ended Dec., 1945	51,445	229,064	11,797	68,630	153,772	379	240,567	15,067	770,721
" " Mar., 1946	52,598	243,528	10,908	77,734	160,269	388	244,530	15,182	805,137
" " June, 1946	41,150	260,387	11,877	55,933	165,597	385	257,555	16,477	809,361
" " Sept., 1946	44,805	255,151	11,914	26,544	155,554	480	280,588	17,398	792,454
" " Dec., 1946	47,134	259,539	12,626	27,445	143,208	447	299,494	18,636	808,552
" " Mar., 1947	51,811	273,882	11,911	36,072	127,130	393	309,656	18,344	829,199
1946—Month of Jan. . .	54,722	234,568	11,032	77,305	158,913	382	240,208	15,180	792,310
" " Feb. . .	53,891	244,991	10,952	76,935	160,311	391	244,850	15,210	807,581
" " Mar. . .	49,182	251,023	10,741	78,962	161,585	391	248,531	15,155	815,570
1947—Month of Jan. . .	53,587	269,830	12,194	29,545	130,366	393	307,661	18,291	821,867
" " Feb. . .	52,318	273,631	12,165	38,070	126,286	393	308,556	18,298	829,717
" " Mar. . .	49,529	278,184	11,373	40,600	124,739	394	312,750	18,444	836,013

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods.

(b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank.

(c) Compiled from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. See page 62 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks.

(d) Includes General Banking division of Commonwealth Bank.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

(i) Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Year.	Intermin-able Deposits and Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Cir-culation.	Balances due to other Banks	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Lia-bilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39	2,644	b 118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921	(c) 3,005	324,398
1942-43	2,597	b 233,299	193,357	426,656	167	1,069	(c) 4,125	434,614
1943-44	2,511	b 290,988	211,703	502,691	166	1,016	(c) 4,485	510,869
1944-45	1,850	b 343,773	224,023	537,796	166	1,083	(c) 4,843	575,738
1945-46	1,664	385,953	220,415	606,368	166	1,194	6,338	615,730

(ii) Assets within Australia.(a)

Year.	Cash and Cash Balances. (d)	Special Account with Com-mon-wealth Bank.	Balances with Other Banks.(e)	Australian Public Securities.(f)		Other Securi-ties.	Loans, Advances and Bills Dis-counted.	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39	33,597	..	3,938	21,533	20,477	(g)	h 288,109	(i) 9,421	377,075
1942-43	43,322	68,420	6,765	59,515	62,835	(g)	h 248,719	(i) 9,925	499,501
1943-44	40,908	139,965	7,334	63,844	79,943	(g)	h 232,421	(i) 9,787	574,202
1944-45	38,038	207,992	7,744	60,283	105,842	(g)	h 208,719	(i) 9,776	638,394
1945-46	38,462	238,098	8,748	59,782	115,272	(g)	h 214,401	(i) 9,802	684,565

(a) See notes (a) pages 60 and 61.

(b) Includes Other Liabilities.

(c) Excludes Other Liabilities.

(d) See note (b) page 61.

(e) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks.

(f) Government and

Municipal Securities prior to September, 1945.

(g) Included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

(h) Includes Other Assets—see notes (g) and (i).

(i) Landed and house property only. Other Assets included

with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).(a)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Oth.r Lia- bilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Secur- ities (includ- ing Trea- sury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
Quarter ended Dec., 1945	17,060	174,529	191,589	229,064	27,507	142,625	170,217	416,768
" " Mar., 1946	17,370	177,427	194,797	243,528	31,047	144,407	182,256	421,911
" " June, 1946	16,617	181,213	197,830	260,387	22,415	146,109	200,319	416,973
" " Sept., 1946	17,161	180,644	197,805	255,151	22,962	137,475	210,210	400,764
" " Dec., 1946	18,632	181,125	199,757	259,539	25,023	118,201	220,077	382,322
" " Mar., 1947	19,646	178,930	198,576	273,882	27,737	108,819	221,098	385,787
1946—Month of Jan. . .	18,415	176,362	194,777	234,568	30,101	140,446	175,258	418,290
" " Feb. . .	17,003	177,336	194,339	244,991	32,759	141,147	180,891	422,951
" " Mar. . .	16,692	178,584	195,276	251,023	30,280	151,629	190,620	424,492
1947—Month of Jan. . .	20,475	178,518	198,993	269,830	30,922	110,754	219,065	391,885
" " Feb. . .	19,489	178,691	198,180	273,631	27,732	107,597	219,811	385,563
" " Mar. . .	18,973	179,582	198,555	278,184	24,557	108,106	224,418	379,913

(a) See notes (a) pages 60 and 61.

DEBIT TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Dec., 1945	50,985	43,074	15,165	7,906	5,540	2,783	97	125,550
" " Mar., 1946	51,042	45,565	14,163	8,808	6,144	2,856	86	128,664
" " June, 1946	57,954	50,248	15,166	9,390	6,161	3,125	106	142,150
" " Sept., 1946	63,272	52,675	16,738	9,927	6,819	3,293	111	152,835
" " Dec., 1946	65,118	58,102	17,534	10,282	7,028	3,307	110	161,481
" " Mar., 1947	63,636	53,525	16,122	10,623	7,590	3,268	122	154,886
1946—Month of Jan. . .	44,617	42,508	12,596	7,721	5,859	2,655	78	116,034
" " Feb. . .	53,359	46,167	15,153	9,158	6,316	3,071	90	133,314
" " Mar. . .	55,150	48,022	14,739	9,544	6,258	2,841	89	136,643
1947—Month of Jan. . .	57,081	50,107	14,466	9,998	7,556	2,989	94	142,291
" " Feb. . .	65,969	54,527	17,243	10,567	7,747	3,411	117	159,581
" " Mar. . .	67,858	55,942	16,657	11,302	7,468	3,404	155	162,786

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Average of weeks ended Monday in periods to December, 1946; thereafter average of weeks ended Wednesday in periods.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.(a)

Weekly Average.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1938-39. . .	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090
" 1942-43. . .	26,084	25,830	5,904	4,532	2,489	813	65,652
" 1943-44. . .	28,071	27,051	6,816	4,924	2,719	943	70,524
" 1944-45. . .	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226
" 1945-46. . .	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555
1946—							
1st Jan. to 28th Jan. . .	25,391	30,013	5,936	5,153	3,783	1,337	71,613
29th Jan. to 25th Feb. . .	32,303	33,920	7,065	6,375	3,662	1,106	84,431
26th Feb. to 25th Mar. . .	33,690	34,470	6,691	6,492	3,520	1,144	86,007
1947—							
1st Jan. to 29th Jan. . .	31,775	30,899	6,380	6,123	4,321	1,243	80,741
30th Jan. to 26th Feb. . .	37,205	34,368	8,526	6,918	4,400	1,259	92,676
27th Feb. to 26th Mar. . .	39,598	35,732	7,805	7,055	4,068	1,272	95,530

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,447	349	973	663,554
1946—									
Jan. ..	224,705	201,994	88,488	63,163	36,638	19,275	(b)	992	635,255
Feb. ..	228,711	204,785	89,233	63,973	37,452	19,777	174	1,026	645,131
Mar. ..	230,420	205,948	89,235	64,489	37,645	19,946	213	956	648,852
1947—									
Jan. ..	230,924	210,532	86,701	66,065	36,668	20,494	458	977	652,819
Feb. ..	230,544	210,759	86,178	66,240	36,541	20,666	473	984	652,385
Mar. ..	229,665	210,797	85,434	66,380	36,375	20,654	485	977	650,767

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £59,060,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and March, 1947.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,867	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,603	90,063	12,665	38,289	7,851	349	973	434,035
1946—									
Jan. ..	224,705	45,129	88,488	12,419	36,638	7,184	(a)	992	415,555
Feb. ..	228,711	45,874	89,233	12,502	37,452	7,381	174	1,026	422,353
Mar. ..	230,420	46,319	89,235	12,518	37,645	7,495	213	956	424,801
1947—									
Jan. ..	230,924	46,643	86,701	12,702	36,668	7,760	458	977	422,833
Feb. ..	230,544	46,700	86,178	12,732	36,541	7,779	473	984	421,931
Mar. ..	229,665	46,692	85,434	12,737	36,375	7,777	485	977	420,142

(a) Included with South Australia.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

(A.) RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Government.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,127 (69)	6,128 (66)	6,128 (66)	6,128 (66)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,758 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,566 (182)	6,566 (182)	6,566 (182)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,223 (721)	27,213 (705)	27,213 (705)	27,213 (705)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth ..	17,033	17,701	17,824	17,946	18,090
New South Wales ..	147,617	151,850	152,145	153,100	154,976
Victoria ..	52,449	52,637	52,746	52,850	53,299
Queensland ..	38,419	39,480	39,907	40,378	40,689
South Australia ..	29,733	31,290	30,674	30,983	30,647
Western Australia ..	26,022	26,363	26,531	26,628	26,752
Tasmania ..	2,140	2,497	2,765	2,944	3,068
Total(b) ..	315,860	324,265	325,039	327,276	329,968

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,127	6,128	6,128	6,128
Victoria ..	4,754	4,758	4,748	4,748	4,748
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,566	6,566	6,566
South Australia ..	2,557	2,549	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	642	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,225	27,213	27,213	27,213

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000.

Commonwealth ..	902	3,473	3,453	2,426	1,818
New South Wales ..	30,106	e39,000	e37,100	e 38,900	e38,000
Victoria ..	17,890	18,437	16,413	16,337	16,344
Queensland ..	13,927	d19,851	d19,794	d 17,574	d15,607
South Australia ..	6,177	6,792	6,777	6,618	6,354
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,340	6,044	6,171	6,304
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,217	2,185	2,201	2,229
Total ..	77,483	96,110	91,766	90,227	86,656

GROSS REVENUE—£'000.

Commonwealth ..	547	3,746	3,459	2,424	1,565
New South Wales ..	19,946	34,872	35,301	32,377	32,113
Victoria ..	9,284	17,030	15,882	15,258	14,675
Queensland ..	7,798	18,027	16,430	13,809	11,917
South Australia ..	3,119	5,811	5,979	5,460	4,871
Western Australia ..	3,599	4,417	4,387	4,276	4,107
Tasmania ..	487	843	871	900	928
Total ..	44,780	84,746	82,309	74,504	70,176

(a) Capital has been reduced during past years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000). (b) Includes £2,447,000, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

(c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

(d) Partly estimated.

(e) Estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000.					
Commonwealth	642	2,171	2,521	2,113	1,502
New South Wales	14,543	27,343	27,535	24,673	24,933
Victoria	8,060	14,040	13,214	12,832	12,531
Queensland	6,193	11,400	13,163	11,676	10,425
South Australia	2,931	4,661	5,213	5,145	5,108
Western Australia	2,911	3,447	3,796	3,764	4,027
Tasmania	678	965	1,136	1,167	1,209
Total	35,958	64,027	66,578	61,370	59,736

NET EARNINGS—£'000.					
Commonwealth	— 95	1,575	938	311	63
New South Wales	5,403	7,529	7,766	7,704	7,180
Victoria	1,224	2,990	2,668	2,426	2,144
Queensland	1,605	6,627	3,267	2,133	1,491
South Australia	188	1,150	766	315	—237
Western Australia	688	970	591	512	80
Tasmania	—191	—122	—265	—267	—281
Total	8,822	20,719	15,731	13,134	10,440

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
Commonwealth	% —0.56	% 8.90	% 5.27	% 1.73	% 0.35
New South Wales	3.66	4.95	5.10	5.03	4.63
Victoria	2.33	5.68	5.06	4.59	4.02
Queensland	4.18	16.78	8.19	5.28	3.66
South Australia	0.63	3.67	2.50	1.01	—0.77
Western Australia	2.64	3.68	2.23	1.92	0.30
Tasmania	—8.91	—4.88	—9.60	—9.06	—9.16
Total (b)	2.79	6.39	4.84	4.01	3.16

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1945.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
Revenue—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	377	7,282	3,669	2,243	808	637	146	15,162
Goods, including live- stock and minerals £	509	7,474	2,947	3,847	1,365	1,310	282	17,734
Miscellaneous £	42	(c) 802	598	(d)	186	59	16	(e) 1,703
Total Revenue £	928	(f) 15,558	7,214	6,090	2,359	2,006	444	34,599
Expenditure .. £	852	11,919	6,164	5,358	2,465	1,998	(g) 512	29,268
Train-miles run ..	1,033	18,764	7,974	8,225	3,132	(h) 3,080	(i) 1,083	43,291
Earnings per train-mile ..	17s. 11d.	16s. 7d.	18s. 1d.	14s. 10d.	15s. 1d.	13s. 0d.	8s. 3d.	16s. 0d.
Expenditure per train- mile	16s. 6d.	12s. 9d.	15s. 6d.	13s. 0d.	15s. 9d.	13s. 0d.	9s. 6d.	13s. 6d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	91.87	76.61	85.45	87.99	104.47	99.60	115.26	84.60
Passenger-journeys ..	'000. 199	'000. 130,696	'000. 99,280	'000. 19,148	'000. 11,874	'000. 8,270	'000. 1,540	'000. 271,007
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	32	(i)	(i)	529	139	144	95	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	191	223	130	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	28	(l) 535	(l) 211	346	97	75	16	1,308
Other Goods ..	80	7,682	3,041	2,164	889	919	339	15,114
Total	142	8,217	3,252	3,230	1,348	1,268	450	17,907

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only: other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1946.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 237	'000. 6,325	'000. 3,301	'000. 1,650	'000. 671	'000. 527	'000. 123	'000. 12,834
Goods, including live-stock and minerals £	332	8,013	3,131	3,866	1,503	1,327	286	18,458
Miscellaneous .. £	50	(c) 951	542	(d)	207	60	11	(e) 1,821
Total Revenue .. £	619	(f) 15,289	6,974	5,516	2,381	1,914	420	33,113
Expenditure .. £	652	12,250	6,356	5,008	2,457	2,094	(g) 536	29,353
Train-miles run ..	833	18,545	8,051	8,081	3,039	(h) 3,138	(h) 1,086	42,773
Earnings per train-mile ..	14s. 10d.	16s. 6d.	17s. 4d.	13s. 8d.	15s. 8d.	12s. 2d.	7s. 9d.	15s. 6d.
Expenditure per train-mile ..	15s. 8d.	13s. 3d.	15s. 10d.	12s. 5d.	16s. 2d.	13s. 4d.	9s. 10d.	13s. 9d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	105.36	80.12	91.14	90.78	103.16	109.41	127.68	88.64
Passenger-journeys ..	'000. 109	'000. 129,232	'000. 91,925	'000. 16,652	'000. 9,991	'000. 6,735	'000. 1,572	'000. 256,216
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke ..	87	(i)	(i)	537	236	166	111	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	199	198	137	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	36	(l) 597	(l) 225	346	118	79	14	1,415
Other Goods ..	58	8,575	3,214	2,013	1,026	755	324	15,965
Total ..	183	9,172	3,439	3,095	1,578	1,137	449	19,053

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

(B.) CIVIL AVIATION.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Six Months ended December, 1946.
	1939.(a)	1944.(a)	1945.(a)	1946.(a)	
Registered Aircraft Owners (b)	No. 149	116	125	182	182
Registered Aircraft (b)	296	185	206	349	349
Licensed Pilots (b)—					
Private	1,096	159	215	320	320
Commercial	346	305	428	1,019	1,019
Licensed Engineers (b)	525	1,039	1,122	1,226	1,226
Aerodromes (b)—					
Government	71	69	77	96	96
Public	213	206	230	230	230
Emergency	147	78	83	73	73
Hours Flown—					
Internal Services	121,935	84,274	111,122	152,140	76,580
Oversea Services					15,805
Mileage Flown (approx.)—					
Internal Services .. '000	14,099	10,082	14,992	21,538	10,863
Oversea Services					2,830
Passengers Carried—					
Internal Services .. No.	147,919	235,775	342,070	522,157	375,632
Oversea Services					14,824
Goods, Weight Carried—					
Internal Services lb. '000	1,735	3,132	4,756	10,260	10,645
Oversea Services					934
Mails, Gross Weight Carried—					
Internal Services lb. '000	740	(c) 2,438	(c) 2,806	1,862	485
Oversea Services					303
Accidents—					
Persons Killed .. No.	38	1	26	44	6
Persons Injured ..	15	1	10	1	10

(a) Includes particulars of Qantas Oversea Airways but excludes particulars of Trans-Tasman Service. (b) At 30th June of year above each column. (c) Net weight.

(C.) TELEPHONES.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st March, 1947.
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	
Lines connected	No. 487,535	No. 557,072	No. 577,777	No. 607,475	No. 638,862
Instruments connected ..	661,996	799,729	827,862	855,917	892,986

(D.) MOTOR VEHICLES.
(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES).
REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1945-46.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	192,335	98,245	20,492	311,072	518,644	2,278,547	267,446	99,726	2,645,719
Victoria ..	146,605	102,196	23,249	272,050	401,610	1,671,996	100,413	107,351	1,879,760
Queensland ..	71,003	63,694	8,627	143,324	188,564	808,748	77,174	86,371	972,293
South Australia ..	61,937	28,768	10,110	100,815	138,706	577,414	63,436	16,037	656,887
Western Australia ..	31,408	28,668	6,799	66,875	89,141	327,188	29,007	40,692	396,887
Tasmania ..	17,356	7,831	3,200	28,387	34,932	202,333	17,466	28,485	248,284
Northern Territory ..	337	3,023	103	3,463	2,553	5,564	952	..	6,516
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,634	704	121	2,459	3,890	11,054	1,834	70	12,958
Total 1945-46 ..	522,615	333,129	72,701	928,445	1,378,040	5,882,844	557,728	378,732	6,819,304
Total, 1944-45 ..	505,782	290,961	57,239	853,982	1,180,589	5,354,624	484,376	300,435	6,139,435
1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31st MARCH, 1947.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	198,546	154,521	73,302	64,854	32,217	18,335	337	1,688	543,800
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	111,129	108,581	71,356	32,124	30,681	8,815	3,023	799	366,508
Motor Cycles ..	24,522	26,091	11,187	11,793	7,791	3,524	103	141	85,152
Total at 31st Mar., 1947	334,197	289,193	155,845	108,771	(a)70,689	30,674	(b)3,463	2,628	995,460
Total at 31st Mar., 1946	304,322	268,539	138,837	99,985	64,584	27,818	(c)2,520	2,338	908,943
Total at 31st Mar., 1939	316,528	259,088	125,984	96,451	66,849	25,881	1,249	2,219	894,249

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 28th February, 1947. (b) At 30th June, 1946. (c) At 30th June, 1945.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1947.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars ..	5,550	4,477	1,911	1,589	965	560	47	15,089
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	3,975	3,154	1,998	1,041	753	444	19	11,384
Motor Cycles ..	2,212	1,276	824	1,160	527	347	5	6,351
Total, nine months ended March, 1947	11,737	8,907	4,733	3,790	(b)2,245	1,351	71	32,834
Total, nine months ended March, 1946	2,425	2,376	881	670	503	300	7	7,162
Total, nine months ended March, 1939	23,163	18,348	10,189	6,373	2,628	2,268	248	63,217

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above, taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

(E.) WIRELESS.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1944 ..	560,032	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,246	50,356	1,454,302
" " 1945 ..	572,697	412,317	184,341	157,825	102,065	50,557	1,479,802
" " 1946 ..	575,864	415,885	191,186	164,724	106,529	51,992	1,506,180
31st March, 1947.	616,114	434,672	206,409	173,319	112,095	56,059	1,598,668

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Papua.

(d) Includes Northern Territory.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a)370
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a)368

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,144
1945	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,132

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,202	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,953	1,200,395	1,200,395

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.				Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
						Number.	Percentage. (b)
1938 Year	..	..	..	390	466,325	40,138	8.7
1942 "	..	..	..	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
1943 "	..	..	..	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1944 "	..	..	..	389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1945 "	..	..	..	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1946 "	..	..	..	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
1932—June	Quarter(c)	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1943—June	"	..	..	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September	"	..	..	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December	"	..	..	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	"	..	..	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June	"	..	..	389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September	"	..	..	389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December	"	..	..	389	674,695	7,925	1.2
1945—March	"	..	..	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June	"	..	..	388	679,227	7,795	1.1
September	"	..	..	387	668,674	7,769	1.2
December	"	..	..	387	663,467	8,276	1.2
1946—March	"	..	..	385	662,296	9,062	1.4
June	"	..	..	385	661,432	8,757	1.3
September	"	..	..	381	672,209	9,212	1.4
December	"	..	..	381	662,546	9,468	1.4
1947—March	"	..	..	381	699,155	9,880	1.4

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter: they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 93. (c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.				N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1938 Year	..	..	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1942 "	..	..	..	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943 "	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1944 "	..	..	..	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1945 "	..	..	..	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946 "	..	..	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1932—June	Quarter (b)	..		33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1942—March	"	..		2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	"	..		1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	"	..		1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	"	..		1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	"	..		1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	"	..		1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	"	..		1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	"	..		1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	"	..		1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	"	..		1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	"	..		1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December	"	..		1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March	"	..		1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June	"	..		1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	"	..		1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December	"	..		1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March	"	..		1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June	"	..		1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
September	"	..		1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December	"	..		1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
1947—March	"	..		1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4

(a) See notes to table on page 69.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1945.	1946.				1947.
	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
II. Engineering, Metal, Works, &c. ..	33.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.1
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c... ..	19.3	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.9	1.9
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c... ..	22.6	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.5
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.7
VII. Building ..	42.1	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.9
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.4	2.7	2.5
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.5	1.9
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
All Groups ..	30.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4

(a) See notes to table on page 69.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see page 76.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

(i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	2,647	319	1,556	809	464	44	5,839
1945—September Quarter ..	114	82	63	31	42	8	340
December	6,527	236	232	1,508	106	29	8,638
1946—March	2,257	441	2,146	1,240	478	52	6,614
June	1,494	500	3,667	399	1,200	82	7,342
September	1,504	650	3,097	257	1,311	105	6,924
December .. (d) ..	1,812	2,880	3,909	217	1,372	101	10,291
1947—March .. (d) ..	2,291	2,319	7,303	209	929	59	13,110

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1945-46 Year	2,238	1,649	835	612	434	257	6,025
1945—September Quarter ..	1,691	1,348	658	406	312	182	4,597
December	2,342	1,655	828	609	397	277	6,108
1946—March	2,359	1,667	833	649	450	271	6,229
June	2,517	1,903	1,007	770	567	291	7,055
September	2,690	2,002	1,041	824	663	358	7,578
December .. (d) ..	2,999	2,234	1,198	829	710	401	8,371
1947—March .. (d) ..	3,105	2,229	1,202	827	729	382	8,474

(a) Revised figures to December, 1946. In addition, an average of 105 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special Benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Subject to revision.

(ii) Benefits Paid.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	£ 275,205	£ 28,234	£ 108,133	£ 73,226	£ 36,440	£ 3,827	£ 525,070
1945—September Quarter ..	1,656	1,423	513	417	617	127	4,753
December	16,614	3,084	3,581	3,151	1,875	632	28,937
1946—March	224,380	12,067	39,983	62,551	9,883	1,234	350,103
June	32,555	11,660	64,056	7,107	24,065	1,834	141,277
September	35,167	15,310	87,453	7,224	32,465	2,344	179,963
December	38,900	45,807	67,811	4,394	37,601	2,494	197,007
1947—March	60,275	74,344	172,582	5,766	23,827	571	337,365

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

Period.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945-46 Year	198,943	139,267	76,306	53,076	34,818	23,459	525,869
1945—September Quarter ..	21,208	16,903	6,274	4,757	4,060	2,753	55,955
December	53,472	36,549	25,546	14,450	8,877	6,585	145,479
1946—March	66,462	41,363	18,075	15,845	10,508	7,542	159,795
June	57,801	44,452	26,411	18,024	11,373	6,579	164,640
September	65,805	41,039	24,274	20,164	14,958	7,882	174,122
December	61,348	47,206	24,261	18,454	14,568	8,880	174,717
1947—March	70,609	45,065	36,335	17,134	14,519	7,526	191,188

(a) In addition, £4,273 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945, provides for the payment of benefit to person whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus 20s. for a dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years, and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.

(Thousands).

Month.	Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	C'with Works Projects. (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (e)
MALES.										
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	..	164.5	212.3	..	112.6
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	..	193.6	259.7	..	133.6
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	..	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.0	509.0	48.6	205.6	81.2	98.5	111.6
1943—June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	46.7	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5
1944—June	404.0	867.5	1,271.5	44.2	518.2	27.0	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6
1945—Aug.	398.1	889.4	1,287.5	44.6	514.3	15.1	222.1	76.8	95.8	119.8
1946—Apr.	421.6	1,005.8	1,427.4	46.2	542.5	6.6	241.5	98.5	121.3	139.6
May	428.0	1,026.0	1,454.0	47.7	550.2	6.5	243.5	101.0	126.2	142.3
June	433.7	1,039.4	1,473.1	48.2	557.1	6.6	246.6	102.8	128.7	143.3
July	436.0	1,058.0	1,494.0	48.2	567.4	6.5	248.2	105.7	130.8	145.4
Aug.	439.0	1,075.2	1,514.2	48.7	575.1	6.3	249.5	106.8	133.6	148.2
Sept.	442.5	1,088.6	1,531.1	49.1	579.1	6.5	252.8	108.2	136.0	150.2
Oct.	445.2	1,095.7	1,540.9	49.3	580.4	6.4	253.4	109.6	137.7	151.4
Nov.	448.5	1,091.9	1,540.4	49.9	567.3	6.4	255.4	112.4	139.3	152.6
Dec.	455.1	1,086.9	1,542.0	49.8	559.7	6.2	259.2	115.3	140.3	153.8
1947—Jan.	455.9	1,100.9	1,556.8	49.5	568.1	6.4	259.5	113.4	141.7	154.8
Feb.	460.5	1,105.3	1,565.8	49.8	570.0	6.9	259.9	113.5	142.5	156.0
FEMALES.										
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	..	11.0	87.3	..	130.7
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	..	12.6	114.9	..	129.0
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	..	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1
1942—June	100.8	494.0	594.8	0.6	206.0	..	25.6	104.1	51.6	152.3
1943—June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	..	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2
1944—June	129.9	503.9	633.8	0.6	217.4	..	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.5
1945—Aug.	118.9	513.5	632.4	0.6	204.7	..	38.5	99.9	53.6	176.0
1946—Apr.	95.1	514.9	610.0	0.7	189.9	..	35.0	102.3	51.6	181.7
May	94.2	517.9	612.1	0.7	191.0	..	34.8	103.0	51.6	182.8
June	93.1	518.3	611.4	0.7	192.5	..	34.5	102.9	51.3	182.6
July	92.0	520.6	612.6	0.7	194.2	..	33.9	103.0	51.6	182.9
Aug.	90.9	523.8	614.7	0.7	194.9	..	33.7	103.1	52.1	184.1
Sept.	89.9	526.8	616.7	0.7	195.4	..	33.5	103.7	52.3	185.7
Oct.	89.4	531.0	620.4	0.6	196.5	..	33.3	104.8	52.6	187.2
Nov.	88.8	537.3	626.1	0.7	196.7	..	33.4	109.1	52.7	188.3
Dec.	88.7	537.6	626.3	0.7	194.9	..	33.5	111.9	52.1	187.9
1947—Jan.	88.5	535.0	623.5	0.7	194.3	..	33.9	108.9	52.7	187.4
Feb.	89.6	538.0	627.6	0.7	197.8	..	34.3	106.7	53.2	189.1
PERSONS.										
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	..	175.5	299.6	..	243.3
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	..	206.2	374.6	..	262.6
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	..	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2
1942—June	521.7	1,382.6	1,904.3	48.6	715.0	48.6	231.2	185.3	150.1	263.9
1943—June	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	46.7	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7
1944—June	533.9	1,371.4	1,905.3	44.8	735.6	27.0	249.8	166.9	143.6	278.1
1945—Aug.	517.0	1,402.9	1,919.9	45.2	719.0	15.1	260.6	176.7	149.4	295.8
1946—Apr.	516.7	1,520.7	2,037.4	46.9	732.4	6.6	276.5	200.8	172.9	321.3
May	522.2	1,543.9	2,066.1	48.4	741.2	6.5	278.3	204.0	177.8	325.1
June	526.8	1,557.7	2,084.5	48.9	749.6	6.6	281.1	205.7	180.0	325.9
July	528.0	1,578.6	2,106.6	48.9	761.6	6.5	282.1	208.7	182.4	328.3
Aug.	529.9	1,599.0	2,128.9	49.4	770.0	6.3	283.2	209.9	185.7	332.3
Sept.	532.4	1,615.4	2,147.8	49.8	774.5	6.5	286.3	211.9	188.3	335.9
Oct.	534.6	1,626.7	2,161.3	49.9	776.9	6.4	286.7	214.4	190.3	338.6
Nov.	537.3	1,629.2	2,166.5	50.6	764.0	6.4	288.8	221.5	192.0	340.9
Dec.	543.8	1,624.5	2,168.3	50.5	754.6	6.2	290.7	227.2	192.4	341.7
1947—Jan.	544.4	1,635.9	2,180.3	50.2	762.4	6.4	293.4	222.3	194.4	342.2
Feb.	550.1	1,643.3	2,193.4	50.5	767.8	6.9	294.2	220.2	195.7	345.1

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.

(b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments.

(c) From July, 1945, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(d) Department of Works and Housing, formerly Allied Works Council.

(e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors). (b)	Total Factories.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (c)
1936-37(d) ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38(d) ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39(d) ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	1,031	1,022
1939-40(d) ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	1,073	1,053
1940-41(d) ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	1,194	1,159
1941-42(d) ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	1,337	1,286
1942-43(d) ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	1,405	1,339
1943-44(d) ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	116.0	628.5	744.5	1,416	1,338
1944-45(d) ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	89.1	638.1	727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46(d) ..	296.9	246.3	61.4	60.3	29.1	17.7	42.7f	669.0	711.7	1,354	1,254
1945-46(e)—											
September ..	292.0	240.0	63.2	58.9	28.0	17.2	58.4	640.9	699.3	1,330	1,235
December ..	265.9	237.7	58.4	53.8	28.4	16.8	40.8	620.2	661.0	1,257	1,164
March ..	307.4	252.2	62.9	62.0	29.0	18.1	29.2f	703.3	732.5	1,393	1,287
June ..	315.8	259.2	60.9	64.0	30.9	18.8	26.4	723.2	749.6	1,426	1,314
1946-47(e)—											
August ..	321.3	264.1	69.2	65.4	31.5	18.5	(g)	(g)	770.0	1,464	1,348
September ..	323.4	265.5	70.1	65.8	31.7	18.0	..	..	774.5	1,473	1,355
October ..	325.8	265.6	69.7	65.8	32.3	17.7	..	..	776.9	1,478	1,358
November ..	326.7	255.1	66.8	65.6	32.1	17.7	..	..	764.0	1,453	1,334
December ..	324.3	252.7	63.0	64.6	32.2	17.8	..	..	754.6	1,435	1,317
January ..	326.2	256.8	63.4	65.3	32.7	18.0	..	..	762.4	1,450	1,329
February ..	326.3	259.1	65.3	66.2	32.8	18.1	..	..	767.8	1,460	1,337

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards, also major aircraft and shipbuilding contractors, but excludes other private factories, of which large numbers undertook war contracts.
 (b) Includes railway and tramway workshops, electricity and other Governmental institutions not included in previous column.
 (c) Divided by Index of Total Population.
 (d) Average of monthly figures.
 (e) From July, 1945, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.
 (f) From January to June, 1946, shipbuilding contractors are included in other factories.
 (g) Series discontinued as from July, 1946.

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June ..	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—June ..	694	695	697	744	695	781	702
1945—August ..	734	758	762	803	788	867	758
1946—June ..	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,080	1,016
December ..	1,116	1,116	1,145	1,216	1,236	1,176	1,139
1947—January ..	1,092	1,099	1,142	1,191	1,214	1,168	1,120
February ..	1,085	1,111	1,134	1,194	1,227	1,166	1,121
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June ..	951	937	1,019	959	974	988	958
1944—June ..	911	909	1,022	977	961	994	935
1945—August ..	965	922	1,055	1,042	1,003	1,060	975
1946—June ..	997	948	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095	1,005
December ..	1,096	1,033	1,164	1,157	1,103	1,143	1,094
1947—January ..	1,059	1,005	1,162	1,122	1,064	1,135	1,064
February ..	1,027	998	1,111	1,128	1,059	1,106	1,043
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June ..	826	814	842	843	835	860	827
1944—June ..	802	798	841	860	829	877	815
1945—August ..	840	837	892	922	897	953	864
1946—June ..	988	979	1,048	1,071	1,087	1,088	1,005
December ..	1,106	1,074	1,153	1,185	1,165	1,160	1,111
1947—January ..	1,075	1,051	1,151	1,156	1,134	1,152	1,087
February ..	1,056	1,053	1,123	1,160	1,138	1,136	1,076

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.—NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In- volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1946 ..	771	1,389	220,452	9,048	229,500	701,869	17,688	719,557	941,983
1945—Dec. Qtr.	169	253	62,305	1,776	64,081	643,563	482,709	1,126,272	1,375,444
1946—March ..	179	189	37,995	3,226	41,221	133,499	17,688	151,187	194,044
June ..	182	363	48,841	1,623	50,464	165,667	15,528	181,195	225,804
Sept. ..	217	238	53,795	1,853	55,648	146,158	..	146,158	205,985
Dec. ..	193	599	79,821	2,346	82,167	225,374	15,643	241,017	316,150
VICTORIA.									
Year—1946 ..	35	326	74,217	2,600	76,817	505,585	1,705	507,290	543,655
1945—Dec. Qtr.	7	7	3,319	..	3,319	8,746	..	8,746	9,187
1946—March ..	8	9	898	7	905	4,906	1,705	6,611	6,322
June ..	6	175	5,916	76	5,992	61,870	..	61,870	65,535
Sept. ..	8	10	899	542	1,441	3,558	..	3,558	4,125
Dec. ..	13	132	66,504	1,975	68,479	435,075	176	435,251	467,673
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1946 ..	22	90	23,322	90	23,412	613,689	..	613,689	694,453
1945—Dec. Qtr.	1	1	1,500	..	1,500	1,500	..	1,500	1,600
1946—March ..	7	9	1,130	20	1,150	9,750	..	9,750	10,840
June ..	6	59	10,889	..	10,889	530,793	..	530,793	591,977
Sept. ..	3	3	1,204	..	1,204	3,783	58,915	62,698	76,788
Dec. ..	6	19	4,099	70	4,169	10,448	..	10,448	14,848
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1946 ..	18	33	8,941	1,286	10,227	29,014	..	29,014	31,525
1945—Dec. Qtr.	2	2	1,984	..	1,984	21,112	..	21,112	20,200
1946—March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June ..	1	1	125	..	125	125	..	125	130
Sept. ..	6	6	461	1,286	1,747	3,297	..	3,297	4,040
Dec. ..	11	26	8,355	..	8,355	25,592	..	25,592	27,355
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year— 1946 ..	11	18	2,704	3,659	6,363	69,634	..	69,634	68,329
1945—Dec. Qtr.	4	5	1,097	..	1,097	2,290	..	2,290	2,466
1946—March ..	2	2	345	..	345	639	..	639	688
June ..	1	1	55	..	55	55	..	55	44
Sept. ..	4	6	412	..	412	2,807	..	2,807	3,729
Dec. ..	4	9	1,892	3,659	5,551	66,133	..	66,133	63,868
TASMANIA.									
Year—1946 ..	8	15	1,675	..	1,675	6,646	..	6,646	7,056
1945—Dec. Qtr.	3	3	202	..	202	546	..	546	630
1946—March ..	2	2	51	..	51	917	..	917	68
June ..	2	3	306	..	306	3,060	..	3,060	3,40
Sept. ..	1	1	22	..	22	22	..	22	3
Dec. ..	3	9	1,296	..	1,296	2,647	..	2,647	2,941
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1946 (a)(b)(c)	869	1,882	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,928,451	19,393	1,947,844	2,290,147
1945—Dec. Qtr.	186	271	70,407	1,776	72,183	677,757	482,709	1,160,466	1,409,524
1946—March(a),	199	212	40,849	3,253	44,102	151,571	19,393	170,964	215,534
June(b) ..	200	611	72,239	1,699	73,938	761,707	15,528	777,235	887,076
Sept.(c) ..	240	265	56,810	3,681	60,491	159,642	58,915	218,557	294,702
Dec. ..	230	794	161,967	8,050	170,017	765,269	15,819	781,088	892,835

(a) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 430; working days lost, 1,860; estimated loss in wages, £2,960. (b) Includes one dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 10; working days lost, 40; estimated loss in wages, £46; and one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 97; working days lost, 97; estimated loss in wages, £140. (c) Includes one dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 17; working days lost, 17; loss in wages, nil.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.							
Year—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941-42 ..	4,248	3,032	1,270	883	605	268	10,306
1942-43 ..	4,608	3,195	1,488	940	583	279	11,093
1943-44—							
December Qtr.	4,947	3,359	1,677	979	622	304	11,888
March ..	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306	11,108
June ..	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313	11,436
Year ..	4,727	3,235	1,605	958	607	304	11,436
1944-45—							
September Qtr.	4,590	3,135	1,549	962	599	312	11,147
December ..	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306	11,478
March ..	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303	10,873
June ..	4,783	3,223	1,540	911	632	321	11,410
Year ..	4,672	3,173	1,514	937	620	311	11,227
1945-46—							
September Qtr.	4,735	3,183	1,514	932	643	325	11,332
December ..	4,808	3,320	1,555	896	654	322	11,555
March ..	4,767	3,248	1,438	911	667	332	11,363
June ..	5,313	3,638	1,580	1,013	733	367	12,644
Year ..	4,906	3,347	1,522	938	674	336	11,723
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	5,432	3,711	1,665	1,062	766	375	13,011
December ..	5,875	3,974	1,782	1,130	804	399	13,964

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)

Year—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941-42 ..	5.83	5.78	5.22	5.25	5.47	4.79	5.63
1942-43 ..	6.54	6.57	6.19	5.89	5.84	5.23	6.36
1943-44—							
December Qtr.	7.11	7.10	6.86	6.25	6.30	5.70	6.90
March ..	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.66	6.44
June ..	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70	6.66
Year ..	6.80	6.81	6.65	6.10	6.17	5.66	6.64
1944-45—							
September Qtr.	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66	6.49
December ..	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59	6.68
March ..	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41	6.30
June ..	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66	6.60
Year ..	6.69	6.66	6.48	5.91	6.20	5.58	6.52
1945-46—							
September Qtr.	6.72	6.67	6.36	5.99	6.32	5.73	6.54
December ..	6.91	6.91	6.43	5.92	6.29	5.66	6.68
March ..	6.38	6.41	5.66	5.74	6.03	5.46	6.18
June ..	6.76	6.85	5.96	6.03	6.25	5.71	6.55
Year ..	6.69	6.71	6.09	5.92	6.22	5.64	6.48
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	6.70	6.77	5.96	6.07	6.34	5.70	6.51
December ..	7.10	7.17	6.27	6.37	6.46	5.99	6.86

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—The above figures are approximations subject to revision when data are sufficient for the final estimate of annual amounts paid and average quarterly earnings.

WAGES.—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	134/10	128/6	129/2	124/1	121/9	125/1	129/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	2/11	2/11½	2/9½	2/9½	2/10	2/11½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	132/0	128/4	127/5	124/4	127/1	129/9	129/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	3/0	2/11	2/10½	2/9½	2/10½	2/11½	2/11½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	129/8	126/9	125/1	124/2	121/2	120/4	126/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/11½	2/10½	2/10½	2/9½	2/9	2/8½	2/10½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/9	126/9	131/6	131/6	121/11	122/8	126/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/10½	2/11½	2/11½	2/9½	2/9½	2/10½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	154/3	149/0	134/6	138/1	149/10	137/7	148/2
	Working Hours	42.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.39
	Hourly Wage	3/7½	3/6½	3/2½	3/2	3/6	3/2	3/6
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	130/0	127/2	126/9	126/1	123/2	129/2	218/1
	Working Hours	43.97	43.90	43.78	43.71	44.03	43.75	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/11½	2/10½	2/10½	2/10½	2/9½	2/11½	2/11
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	142/11	152/11	133/5	125/6	128/1	131/9	144/10
	Working Hours	43.60	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/3½	3/5½	3/4	2/10½	2/11	3/0	3/4
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	137/4	130/0	136/7	107/11	139/8	124/3	134/6
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.93	40.89	40.50	41.33	40.70
	Hourly Wage	3/4½	3/2½	3/4	2/7½	3/5½	3/0	3/3½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	133/7	132/6	130/9	124/1	122/9	122/10	130/10
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	3/0½	2/11½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9½	2/11½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	126/8	119/2	118/6	114/9	118/6	114/8	121/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/8½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½	2/7½	2/9½
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage ^d	132/2	132/8	129/3	130/8	131/3	130/10	131/6
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage ^e	129/3	127/3	133/4	124/1	126/8	131/5	129/0
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage ^e	121/4	119/8	113/8	107/2	108/3	110/0	117/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage ^e	2/9	2/8½	2/7	2/5½	2/5	2/6	2/7½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	125/9	124/1	119/2	114/11	116/3	117/4	122/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.42	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.77	44.18
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/9½	2/8½	2/7	2/7½	2/8½	2/9½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	130/11	128/11	128/0	121/4	125/7	125/2	128/6
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a)	Weekly Wage	131/3	129/1	126/0	119/11	125/0	122/3	128/2
	Working Hours	43.50	43.82	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.57
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	2/11½	2/11	2/8½	2/10½	2/9½	2/11½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

WAGES.—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	65/2	72/5	65/9	68/9	55/1	69/3	68/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/5½	1/7½	1/6	1/6½	1/3	1/7	1/6½
	Weekly Wage	76/5	77/9	79/9	79/9	65/0	76/4	77/2
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/8½	1/9½	1/9½	1/9½	1/5½	1/8½	1/9
	Weekly Wage	75/4	80/10	69/9	71/5	..	65/9	77/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Hourly Wage	1/8½	1/10	1/7	1/7½	..	1/6	1/9
	Weekly Wage b	70/10	77/2	74/7	68/2	69/9	66/4	72/9
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage b	1/7½	1/9	1/8½	1/6	1/7	1/6	1/8
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	81/11	82/0	88/2	64/6	..	..	81/0
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/10½	1/9½	2/0	1/5½	..	..	1/10
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c...	Weekly Wage	76/0	78/6	79/5	72/10	67/2	72/7	76/9
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/8½	1/9½	1/9½	1/7½	1/6½	1/7½	1/9
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	76/0	78/6	79/5	72/10	67/2	72/7	76/9
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/8½	1/9½	1/9½	1/7½	1/6½	1/7½	1/9
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36

(a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1938	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" " 1943	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 9	119 5
" " 1944	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
" " 1945	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5	122 9	116 11	120 4
31st March, 1946	122 0	120 11	119 10	114 10	122 11	117 8	120 8
30th June, 1946	122 4	121 0	120 0	114 11	123 9	117 9	120 11
30th September, 1946	123 3	121 9	120 11	117 2	124 7	118 5	121 10
31st December, 1946	130 11	128 11	128 0	121 4	125 7	125 2	128 6

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1943	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
" " 1944	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
" " 1945	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
31st March, 1946	2,380	2,359	2,339	2,240	2,398	2,295	2,354
30th June, 1946	2,387	2,362	2,341	2,243	2,415	2,297	2,360
30th September, 1946	2,404	2,376	2,359	2,287	2,431	2,310	2,378
31st December, 1946	2,554	2,515	2,498	2,368	2,450	2,442	2,507

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1938	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 3
" " 1943	67 11	70 2	69 9	61 3	66 6	63 3	68 4
" " 1944	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
" " 1945	71 3	73 11	74 1	66 1	66 0	68 5	72 0
31st March, 1946	71 3	74 0	74 1	66 1	66 0	68 7	72 0
30th June, 1946	71 5	74 3	74 3	66 6	66 8	68 10	72 3
30th September, 1946	71 9	74 7	74 10	70 9	67 2	69 0	72 11
31st December, 1946	76 0	78 6	79 5	72 10	67 2	72 7	76 9

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
" " 1943	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
" " 1944	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
" " 1945	2,623	2,722	2,726	2,431	2,428	2,517	2,650
31st March, 1946	2,623	2,724	2,726	2,431	2,428	2,525	2,650
30th June, 1946	2,628	2,732	2,734	2,446	2,454	2,532	2,659
30th September, 1946	2,640	2,745	2,755	2,605	2,472	2,538	2,684
31st December, 1946	2,799	2,889	2,923	2,679	2,472	2,673	2,824

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES BY STATE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 5 10 0	(a) 2 19 6	1.5.47	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(5 7 0)	(2 18 0)	(1.2.47)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 5 8 0	3 3 6	18.4.47	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	5 2 0	2 17 0	7.1.47	" " " " "
Western Australia(e)	5 7 1	2 17 10	26.2.47	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania (c) ..	(5 4 0)	(2 16 0)	(1.2.47)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 13s.; Females, £3 1s. 0d.; Elsewhere—Males, £5 7s.; Females, £2 18s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 26.2.47 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 15s. 4d.; Females, £3 2s. 3d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 6s. 6d.; Females, £2 17s. 6d.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st August, 1946.	1st November, 1946.	1st December, 1946.	1st February, 1947.	1st May, 1947.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	100 0	101 0	108 0	108 0	110 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	99 0	99 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	94 0	94 0	101 0	103 0	104 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	95 0	95 0	102 0	102 0	103 0
Perth ..	77 0	95 0	95 0	102 0	103 0	103 0
Hobart ..	77 0	96 0	97 0	103 0	104 0	104 0
Six Capitals..	79 0	98 0	98 0	105 0	106 0	106 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Rates include increase in "needs" wage granted by Court on 13th December, 1946, and "prosperity loadings". No defined family unit.

AWARDS OF INDUSTRIAL COURTS AND WAGES BOARD DETERMINATIONS MADE AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS FILED.

State.	1938.		1942.		1943.		1944.		1945.	
	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	64	38	72	23	24	11	36	10	39	19
Victoria ..	99	..	202	..	129	..	110	..	69	..
Queensland ..	33	38	27	29	17	35	14	29	58	33
South Australia ..	6	4	160	12	44	7	31	3	48	6
Western Australia ..	23	31	19	19	6	12	9	9	9	11
Tasmania ..	26	..	19	..	20	..	16	..	6	..
Commonwealth Court ..	31	13	52	20	43	17	45	13	29	23
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	..	4	..	3	..	4	..	7	..
Total ..	295	124	555	103	286	82	265	64	265	92

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 82.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.—CAPITAL CITIES.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1946.				1947.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	904	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,039	1,035	1,042	1,032	1,047	1,097
Melbourne	884	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,057	1,052	1,059	1,062	1,042	1,044	1,063
Brisbane	838	972	975	965	966	981	975	982	969	996	1,038
Adelaide	861	1,012	1,003	993	1,002	1,006	1,008	1,017	1,003	996	1,025
Perth	899	1,029	1,059	1,056	1,060	1,059	1,061	1,067	1,057	1,052	1,068
Hobart	880	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,043	1,069	1,057	1,065	1,069	1,084	1,090
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,034	1,036	1,036	1,042	1,029	1,037	1,071

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	1,004	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,044
Melbourne	935	975	974	974	973	973	973	973	973	973	974
Brisbane	841	862	862	863	863	863	863	863	863	863	864
Adelaide	868	893	893	892	892	894	892	893	894	895	895
Perth	872	885	885	886	886	886	886	886	886	886	886
Hobart	913	933	931	932	933	936	936	936	936	936	936
Six Capitals (b) ..	942	976	975	976	975	976	976	976	976	976	976

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	941	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,035	1,040	1,034	1,043	1,073
Melbourne	902	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,023	1,025	1,013	1,014	1,026
Brisbane	838	927	929	923	924	932	929	933	925	942	968
Adelaide	862	963	958	951	957	960	960	966	958	955	972
Perth	887	971	989	987	990	989	990	994	988	985	995
Hobart	891	1,000	1,009	992	998	1,014	1,007	1,012	1,014	1,024	1,027
Six Capitals (b) ..	906	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,010	1,014	1,006	1,011	1,032

(a) See note (a) on page 82.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (c) on page 83.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS). ("B" SERIES.)^(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1946.				1947.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	941	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,035	1,040	1,034	1,043	1,073
Newcastle	898	1,005	1,000	987	989	990	987	991	987	995	1,027
Broken Hill	948	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,080	1,072	1,066	1,084
Goulburn	908	1,009	1,007	999	997	996	993	995	993	1,002	1,019
Bathurst	867	957	953	951	958	966	961	967	965	970	992
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,032	1,034	1,031	1,036	1,030	1,039	1,069
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	902	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,023	1,025	1,013	1,014	1,026
Ballarat	808	894	908	907	912	917	917	922	913	914	925
Bendigo	817	920	923	923	926	928	928	932	927	924	931
Geelong	872	956	962	958	957	961	962	966	956	960	984
Warrnambool	898	984	993	995	1,008	1,020	1,021	1,023	1,019	1,017	1,024
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,013	1,011	1,015	1,017	1,005	1,007	1,018
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	838	927	929	923	924	932	929	933	925	942	968
Toowoomba	806	913	927	945	949	955	954	952	950	965	992
Rockhampton	825	901	904	908	917	919	916	916	913	930	959
Townsville	900	974	970	975	979	989	986	983	984	1,001	1,029
Bundaberg	781	878	888	886	886	897	892	896	892	907	937
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	926	928	926	928	936	933	935	929	945	972
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	862	963	958	951	957	960	960	966	958	955	972
Kadina, &c.	702	789	784	776	779	790	788	792	789	789	803
Port Pirie	838	943	932	923	931	933	932	940	932	929	946
Mount Gambier	801	879	877	884	895	903	901	909	901	900	912
Peterborough	836	936	926	922	935	936	935	941	935	933	948
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	955	950	944	949	952	953	958	950	947	964
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	887	971	989	987	990	989	990	994	988	985	995
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,128	1,136	1,136	1,140	1,135	1,132	1,151
Northam	911	1,005	1,001	999	1,001	1,003	1,003	1,009	1,002	999	1,009
Bunbury	945	1,011	1,010	1,010	1,015	1,024	1,024	1,029	1,023	1,020	1,031
Geraldton	974	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,072	1,073	1,073	1,078	1,072	1,069	1,079
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	988	1,001	1,000	1,002	1,003	1,004	1,007	1,002	999	1,009
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	891	1,000	1,009	992	998	1,014	1,007	1,012	1,014	1,024	1,027
Launceston	867	948	953	936	943	956	951	954	956	961	973
Burnie	880	973	998	958	954	969	963	967	970	976	982
Devonport	846	928	942	920	924	939	933	939	940	945	951
Queenstown	900	970	1,005	1,004	1,014	1,028	1,021	1,026	1,031	1,035	1,041
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	978	988	970	977	992	985	990	992	999	1,005
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	1,001	1,005	998	1,003	1,005	1,005	1,008	1,001	1,006	1,027
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,010	1,014	1,006	1,011	1,032
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	856	872	886	891	904	900	900	899	917	948
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	932	914	914	925	929	927	933	928	927	945
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,059	1,062	1,060	1,061	1,060	1,068	1,087

(a) See footnote (a) on page 82. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.
(d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.		1939.	1946.				1947.				Per- centage in- crease from Aug., 1939, to Mar., 1947
		Aug.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	Month.			Mar. Qtr.	
			Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney .. .. .	..	926	1,030	1,034	1,040	1,035	1,064	1,115	1,112	1,097	20.1
Newcastle .. ..	..	960	1,040	1,043	1,049	1,044	1,082	1,125	1,122	1,110	16.9
Broken Hill .. ..	..	1,069	1,269	1,276	1,287	1,277	1,268	1,299	1,315	1,294	23.0
Goulburn .. .. .	..	991	1,062	1,066	1,069	1,066	1,093	1,104	1,127	1,108	13.7
Bathurst .. .. .	..	930	1,033	1,040	1,049	1,041	1,064	1,101	1,106	1,090	17.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	..	932	1,035	1,040	1,046	1,040	1,069	1,119	1,116	1,101	19.7
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne .. ..	..	931	1,055	1,059	1,063	1,059	1,052	1,055	1,081	1,063	16.1
Ballarat .. .. .	..	939	1,046	1,050	1,060	1,052	1,053	1,056	1,083	1,064	15.3
Bendigo .. .. .	..	915	1,046	1,052	1,055	1,051	1,046	1,050	1,067	1,054	16.6
Geelong .. .. .	..	942	1,008	1,012	1,020	1,013	1,032	1,045	1,072	1,050	13.8
Warrnambool .. .	..	952	1,077	1,080	1,083	1,080	1,075	1,082	1,099	1,085	15.4
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	..	932	1,053	1,057	1,061	1,057	1,051	1,055	1,081	1,062	16.0
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane .. .. .	..	855	972	977	977	975	1,008	1,057	1,049	1,033	22.7
Toowoomba .. ..	..	812	1,012	1,018	1,019	1,016	1,049	1,095	1,092	1,079	34.5
Rockhampton .. .	..	893	1,009	1,015	1,017	1,014	1,046	1,096	1,093	1,078	22.4
Townsville .. ..	..	948	1,066	1,067	1,069	1,067	1,107	1,153	1,152	1,137	21.6
Bundaberg .. ..	..	906	1,030	1,031	1,038	1,033	1,072	1,122	1,120	1,105	23.6
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	..	862	985	990	990	988	1,022	1,071	1,064	1,052	23.4
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide .. .. .	..	882	1,001	1,007	1,016	1,008	998	1,029	1,047	1,025	18.7
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	..	980	1,042	1,045	1,051	1,046	1,051	1,069	1,092	1,071	11.4
Port Pirie .. ..	..	1,001	1,073	1,073	1,083	1,076	1,078	1,101	1,121	1,100	12.0
Mount Gambier ..	..	930	1,017	1,026	1,031	1,025	1,021	1,044	1,056	1,040	13.5
Peterborough .. .	..	983	1,051	1,052	1,058	1,054	1,053	1,078	1,096	1,076	11.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	..	891	1,005	1,011	1,020	1,012	1,003	1,033	1,052	1,029	18.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth and Fremantle ..	..	947	1,052	1,065	1,067	1,061	1,057	1,064	1,083	1,068	14.4
Kalgoorlie and Boulder .. .	..	1,102	1,182	1,199	1,201	1,194	1,191	1,195	1,215	1,200	10.3
Northam .. .. .	..	981	1,061	1,078	1,078	1,072	1,071	1,079	1,100	1,083	12.1
Bunbury .. .. .	..	975	1,049	1,062	1,062	1,058	1,059	1,062	1,084	1,068	11.2
Geraldton .. .. .	..	958	1,075	1,088	1,088	1,084	1,082	1,088	1,108	1,093	15.7
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	..	960	1,062	1,075	1,077	1,071	1,067	1,074	1,093	1,078	13.9
TASMANIA—											
Hobart .. .. .	..	914	1,054	1,058	1,058	1,057	1,087	1,088	1,094	1,090	19.7
Launceston .. ..	..	905	1,008	1,012	1,012	1,011	1,031	1,049	1,056	1,045	16.7
Burnie .. .. .	..	942	1,036	1,037	1,037	1,037	1,063	1,066	1,076	1,068	14.2
Devonport .. ..	..	930	1,038	1,044	1,044	1,042	1,065	1,069	1,078	1,071	15.9
Queenstown .. ..	..	1,018	1,163	1,165	1,165	1,164	1,185	1,187	1,198	1,190	17.7
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	..	917	1,042	1,046	1,046	1,045	1,071	1,078	1,084	1,078	18.2
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	..	922	1,034	1,039	1,044	1,039	1,052	1,081	1,091	1,075	18.3
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	..	918	1,031	1,036	1,041	1,036	1,048	1,078	1,087	1,071	18.4
Lithgow (N.) (b) ..	..	948	1,047	1,051	1,062	1,053	1,079	1,123	1,122	1,108	18.4
Yallourn (V.) (b) ..	..	991	1,051	1,056	1,061	1,056	1,063	1,066	1,079	1,069	8.9
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	..	851	999	1,004	1,004	1,002	1,047	1,097	1,094	1,079	28.6
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b)	..	994	1,061	1,064	1,073	1,066	1,063	1,099	1,114	1,092	12.1
Rosebery (A.T.) (b) ..	..	1,028	1,140	1,141	1,141	1,141	1,167	1,170	1,178	1,172	14.6
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b)	..	1,046	1,107	1,112	1,114	1,111	1,137	1,158	1,167	1,154	11.6

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1946.				1947.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,107	1,151	1,144	1,142	1,165	1,151	1,165	1,167	1,177	1,192
Newcastle	877	1,069	1,109	1,094	1,100	1,119	1,108	1,117	1,119	1,131	1,144
Broken Hill	940	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,192	1,216	1,203	1,218	1,218	1,223	1,234
Goulburn	893	1,087	1,125	1,118	1,114	1,134	1,123	1,133	1,134	1,145	1,155
Bathurst	860	1,050	1,091	1,088	1,091	1,116	1,105	1,116	1,120	1,122	1,137
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,162	1,148	1,161	1,163	1,174	1,189
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	1,100	1,139	1,135	1,135	1,149	1,141	1,150	1,149	1,157	1,159
Ballarat	850	1,037	1,084	1,083	1,086	1,094	1,089	1,094	1,095	1,096	1,104
Bendigo	854	1,054	1,096	1,101	1,099	1,107	1,101	1,105	1,107	1,114	1,118
Geelong	884	1,065	1,110	1,112	1,113	1,124	1,117	1,126	1,121	1,132	1,144
Warrnambool ..	892	1,078	1,126	1,129	1,139	1,153	1,146	1,154	1,152	1,159	1,164
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,131	1,145	1,137	1,146	1,145	1,153	1,156
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,033	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,093	1,081	1,090	1,092	1,110	1,123
Toowoomba	843	1,033	1,080	1,085	1,087	1,107	1,095	1,101	1,106	1,125	1,139
Rockhampton ..	853	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,079	1,096	1,086	1,092	1,093	1,111	1,126
Townsville	902	1,075	1,114	1,117	1,114	1,136	1,123	1,129	1,135	1,156	1,172
Bundaberg	831	1,015	1,057	1,057	1,054	1,074	1,061	1,070	1,073	1,090	1,107
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	1,035	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,097	1,084	1,093	1,095	1,114	1,127
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	1,075	1,102	1,098	1,102	1,120	1,110	1,121	1,121	1,128	1,137
Kadina, &c. ..	786	962	998	995	999	1,020	1,009	1,017	1,023	1,031	1,041
Port Pirie	868	1,057	1,087	1,081	1,085	1,106	1,092	1,110	1,107	1,115	1,125
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,024	1,061	1,064	1,070	1,093	1,079	1,095	1,095	1,103	1,113
Peterborough ..	868	1,053	1,087	1,087	1,093	1,108	1,098	1,109	1,108	1,118	1,124
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,098	1,116	1,106	1,116	1,117	1,124	1,133
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	1,061	1,104	1,105	1,107	1,127	1,116	1,127	1,128	1,136	1,136
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,175	1,192	1,199	1,202	1,223	1,215	1,224	1,223	1,231	1,239
Northam	900	1,079	1,111	1,113	1,113	1,133	1,121	1,135	1,134	1,141	1,145
Bunbury	914	1,065	1,102	1,110	1,115	1,136	1,126	1,136	1,137	1,145	1,149
Geraldton	957	1,114	1,165	1,176	1,170	1,187	1,177	1,189	1,188	1,195	1,196
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,116	1,136	1,125	1,135	1,137	1,145	1,145
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,078	1,117	1,105	1,107	1,138	1,120	1,132	1,143	1,155	1,152
Launceston	872	1,040	1,078	1,067	1,072	1,099	1,085	1,096	1,102	1,114	1,119
Burnie	865	1,035	1,088	1,065	1,063	1,093	1,078	1,091	1,098	1,103	1,106
Devonport	848	1,012	1,058	1,040	1,045	1,079	1,063	1,077	1,086	1,091	1,094
Queenstown	875	1,045	1,096	1,102	1,110	1,139	1,119	1,134	1,151	1,153	1,153
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	1,060	1,101	1,089	1,092	1,121	1,105	1,117	1,126	1,137	1,137
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	894	1,087	1,127	1,122	1,123	1,142	1,131	1,142	1,143	1,153	1,162
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	1,091	1,131	1,126	1,126	1,145	1,134	1,145	1,146	1,156	1,165
Warwick (Q.)(c) ..	800	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,064	1,087	1,075	1,080	1,085	1,108	1,123
Port Augusta (S.A.)(c) ..	863	1,052	1,076	1,076	1,084	1,105	1,091	1,102	1,107	1,118	1,125
Canberra (A.C.T.)(c) ..	966	1,121	1,168	1,153	1,149	1,170	1,160	1,170	1,171	1,179	1,188

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

(b) Weighted Average.

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1946.

(Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms). (c)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscell- aneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (b)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b)	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b)	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b)	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b)	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b)	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b)	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b)	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
Quarter—						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1945—March ..	1,028	975	1,005	1,421	1,161	1,123
June ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,416	1,161	1,125
September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
December ..	1,030	975	1,007	1,448	1,161	1,129
1946—March ..	1,036	976	1,010	1,456	1,164	1,134
June ..	1,042	976	1,014	1,494	1,167	1,145
September ..	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
December ..	1,037	976	1,011	1,550	1,170	1,156
1947—March ..	1,071	976	1,032	1,525	1,181	1,165

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) November. (c) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of Labour Report, No. 34).

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1947 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947.**

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RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d. 5.84	d. 5.84	d. 5.84	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 7.00	d. 7.00	d. 7.00	d. 6.25	d. 6.25	d. 6.25	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.10	5.20	5.20	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.40	5.40	5.40
" self-raising ..	"	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.57	8.50	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	33.00	27.50	27.50	33.50	27.79	27.79	33.86	27.50	27.50	33.50	27.60	27.60	33.60
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	14.35	14.35	14.35	15.14	15.14	15.14	13.93	13.93	13.93	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	7.93	9.71	9.71	9.43	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.86	3.86	3.93	4.08	4.08	4.08	5.30	5.30	5.30	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.38	4.38	4.38
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.12	13.12	13.12	13.43	13.43	13.43	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.50	13.50	13.63	13.60	13.60	13.60
Currants ..	"	10.65	10.65	10.65	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.80	10.80	10.80
Apricots, dried (a)	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.70	14.70	14.70	15.14	15.14	15.14	17.00	17.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.20	15.20	15.20
Pears, canned ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.21	17.21	17.21	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.50	16.50	16.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.58	8.58	8.58	11.73	11.73	11.73	8.85	8.85	8.85	8.68	8.68	8.68
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.20	4.00	4.17	4.64	4.29	4.21	4.00	3.92	3.92	5.00	4.00	3.90	4.38	4.38	3.90
Soap ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.35	7.35	7.43	7.78	7.78	7.78	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.43	7.43	7.43
Kerosene ..	quart	5.72	5.71	5.71	6.08	6.03	6.03	7.13	7.13	6.91	6.45	6.73	6.98	6.47	6.35	6.35
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.58	17.67	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.40	18.80	18.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.50	28.25	28.60	24.21	23.00	28.00	25.71	30.86	31.00	24.20	28.00	28.00	24.20	29.10	29.70
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.14	22.14	22.14	24.07	24.07	23.93	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.75	9.70	9.70	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.64	10.57	10.57	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.00	16.00	15.00	14.57	16.00	15.29	16.07	17.00	17.00	14.00	14.40	14.00	13.40	13.70	13.30
" rib ..	"	8.55	10.00	9.55	8.67	10.00	9.50	14.50	16.00	15.57	9.88	9.88	10.75	8.90	9.20	9.10
" steak, rump ..	"	23.00	25.00	25.00	23.00	25.00	25.00	23.79	24.57	24.50	22.00	22.00	22.00	20.00	21.20	21.20
" chuck ..	"	9.60	10.90	10.00	10.07	11.00	10.14	15.57	16.07	16.50	9.80	9.90	9.80	9.00	9.50	9.50
" sausages ..	"	9.15	10.00	10.00	9.40	10.00	10.20	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.80	9.20	9.60	8.80	9.60	9.60
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.55	13.00	12.00	11.79	13.00	12.29	16.00	17.00	17.00	11.60	12.00	12.20	10.90	11.90	11.70
" brisket ..	"	8.60	9.60	8.65	8.79	9.50	8.57	14.00	15.00	15.00	8.90	9.70	10.60	8.60	10.00	9.90
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.60	10.75	10.55	9.92	10.50	10.50	10.71	11.29	12.00	9.60	10.20	10.80	9.75	11.00	11.00
" forequarter ..	"	5.65	6.50	6.55	6.00	6.50	6.50	8.07	8.57	8.93	5.90	6.10	6.60	6.00	6.50	6.50
" loin ..	"	11.60	13.40	13.30	11.33	13.33	13.33	10.64	11.21	12.57	9.80	10.00	10.80	9.75	10.25	10.25
" chops, loin ..	"	12.40	14.20	14.40	12.00	14.00	14.00	13.43	14.36	14.86	10.60	10.80	11.40	10.50	11.25	11.25
" leg ..	"	12.50	14.30	14.20	11.92	13.75	13.92	13.64	14.14	14.93	10.60	10.80	11.40	10.13	11.38	11.25
Pork, leg ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.67	17.00	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.20	16.20	16.90	15.75	16.00	16.00
" loin ..	"	17.00	16.71	17.14	18.00	17.83	17.17	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.40	17.40	17.80	17.25	17.25	17.25
" chops ..	"	18.00	17.57	18.00	18.67	18.50	18.33	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
House Rents (b) ..																
4 and 5 Rooms ..	4 and 5 Rooms	281.35	281.35	281.35	243.61	243.61	243.61	192.04	192.04	192.04	222.97	222.97	222.97	212.14	212.14	212.14

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
footnote (c), page 83.

(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1947 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.60	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.07	8.07	8.00	8.21	8.21	8.14	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.10	8.10
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	33.00	27.50	27.50	33.50	27.50	27.50	33.50	27.50	27.50	33.50	27.50	27.50	33.50
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.60	11.60	11.60	12.07	12.07	12.07	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.20	12.20	12.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.70	7.70	7.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.03	4.03	4.03	4.30	4.33	4.33	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.90	4.00	4.00	4.31	4.44	4.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.93	12.93	12.79	13.29	13.29	13.29	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.20	13.20	13.20
Currants ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.80	10.80	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.70	14.70	14.70
Pears, canned ..	"	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.50	15.58	15.58	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.30	15.30	15.30	16.00	16.00	16.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.88	21.88	21.88
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.53	8.40	8.40	8.41	8.41	8.41	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.10	3.00	2.81	3.43	3.29	3.00	2.67	2.83	2.92	2.75	2.58	2.58	2.50	2.50	2.50
Soap ..	lb.	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.22	6.14	6.14	6.29	5.89	5.89	6.48	6.43	6.43	5.93	5.93	5.93	6.90	6.80	6.80
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.29	20.29	20.29	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.28	16.31	16.31	15.93	15.93	15.93	16.79	16.79	16.64	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.00	28.00	28.00	23.86	27.86	27.86	24.00	27.86	27.86	24.00	28.00	28.00	24.40	28.00	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.75	22.72	22.72	23.07	23.07	23.07	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.80	22.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.39	10.40	10.40	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.10	10.10	9.90	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.05	13.00	13.70	12.57	12.57	13.43	12.36	12.36	12.64	12.20	12.50	13.20	13.00	13.00	13.40
" rib ..	"	10.80	10.60	11.30	10.29	10.29	11.00	9.14	9.14	9.43	9.50	10.00	10.60	10.10	10.10	10.50
" steak, rump ..	"	20.30	20.40	21.10	20.14	20.14	21.00	18.00	18.00	18.57	19.20	20.00	20.80	18.60	18.60	19.00
" chuck ..	"	9.95	9.90	10.20	9.50	9.50	9.93	9.79	9.79	9.93	9.50	9.60	10.10	9.40	9.40	9.50
" sausages ..	"	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.15	12.15	12.85	12.14	12.14	12.86	11.00	11.00	11.29	11.90	12.00	12.80	12.20	12.20	12.60
" brisket ..	"	8.95	8.80	8.95	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.93	8.93	8.86	8.60	8.80	8.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.72	11.83	12.11	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.71	11.70	12.00	12.20	12.00	12.40	12.10
" forequarter ..	"	6.50	6.39	7.06	6.21	6.21	7.00	6.14	6.14	6.57	6.30	6.30	7.00	7.40	7.40	7.80
" loin ..	"	9.67	9.61	10.72	9.29	9.29	10.64	9.07	9.07	9.43	9.10	9.60	10.50	10.30	10.30	10.60
" chops, loin ..	"	10.89	10.94	12.00	10.57	10.57	11.79	10.36	10.36	10.71	10.20	10.60	11.50	11.90	11.90	12.40
" " leg ..	"	11.78	12.22	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	11.14	11.14	11.50	12.10	12.20	12.60	12.60	12.40	12.40
Pork, leg ..	"	15.33	15.38	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.40	16.40	16.40	15.50	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50
" loin ..	"	16.33	16.38	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.40	16.40	16.40	16.50	16.80	16.80	16.50	16.50	16.50
" chops ..	"	17.50	17.50	17.58	17.50	17.50	17.50	16.80	16.80	16.80	17.50	17.60	17.60	17.50	17.50	17.50
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	262.50	179.87	186.99	239.45	234.94	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1947; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947.

QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947.																
Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d. 5.50	d. 5.50	d. 5.50	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.50	d. 6.50	d. 6.50	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.70	4.70	4.70
" self-raising ..	"	8.55	8.55	8.55	9.36	9.36	9.36	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	33.00	27.57	27.57	33.57	28.07	28.07	34.00	28.10	28.10	34.10	28.00	28.00	34.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.93	3.93	3.93	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Sago (a) ..	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Jam, plum ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Golden syrup ..	1½ lb.	12.14	12.14	11.82	12.48	12.43	12.43	13.86	13.86	13.86	14.00	14.00	13.80	13.10	13.20	13.00
Oats, flaked (a) ..	2 lb.	6.91	6.91	6.91	7.86	7.86	7.86	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.60	7.60	7.60
Raisins, seeded ..	lb.	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Currants ..	"	12.91	12.91	12.91	13.57	13.57	13.43	13.57	13.57	13.57	14.50	14.50	14.10	13.40	13.40	13.40
Apricots, dried (a)	"	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.10	11.10	11.40	11.60	11.50	11.50
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	16.58	16.58	16.58	16.83	16.83	16.83	17.25	17.25	17.30	17.20	17.20	17.20	16.38	16.38	16.38
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	17.33	17.33	17.33	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.25	18.25	18.25	16.50	16.50	16.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.37	8.42	8.42	8.79	8.79	8.79	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.63	10.63	8.90	8.90	8.90
Soap ..	lb.	3.25	3.36	3.32	3.63	3.75	3.67	3.50	4.30	3.86	3.88	3.88	3.75	3.10	3.50	3.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.89	6.93	6.93	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.06	7.06	7.06
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	5.24	5.24	5.23	5.70	5.70	5.70	6.29	6.29	6.29	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.70	5.70	5.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	19.82	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.14	20.14	20.14	22.00	22.00	22.00	19.80	19.80	19.80
Eggs, new laid ..	"	15.14	15.14	15.14	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.71	15.71	15.71	16.30	16.30	16.30	15.40	15.40	15.40
Bacon, rashers ..	doz.	24.00	27.91	27.91	23.00	26.67	27.33	21.86	25.71	27.57	25.00	25.00	25.00	22.80	26.80	26.80
Milk, condensed ..	lb.	22.14	22.14	22.14	22.00	22.00	22.07	22.43	22.43	22.43	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.80	21.80	21.80
" fresh ..	tin	9.77	9.82	9.82	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.10	10.10	10.10
Meat—	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.00	14.00	13.50	13.00	13.00	14.00	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
" rib ..	"	7.67	9.56	8.50	8.00	9.71	9.00	7.75	9.75	8.75	8.00	10.00	9.00	8.00	10.00	9.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	20.00	19.50	18.00	20.00	19.50	15.50	17.50	16.86	16.00	18.00	17.50	16.00	18.00	17.50
" chuck ..	"	9.00	10.00	9.00	8.50	9.50	8.50	9.43	10.43	9.43	8.50	9.50	8.50	10.50	11.30	10.50
" sausages ..	"	9.00	10.00	9.50	9.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	10.21	9.57	9.00	10.00	9.40	10.00	11.00	10.50
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.00	13.00	11.50	13.00	15.00	13.00	12.50	14.50	12.50	12.00	14.00	12.00	13.50	15.40	13.50
" brisket ..	"	9.00	10.00	9.50	10.00	11.00	10.50	11.50	12.50	12.50	9.00	10.00	10.10	11.40	12.40	12.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	11.50	11.50	10.50	12.00	11.93	10.50	12.00	12.00	11.50	13.00	13.00	11.40	13.00	13.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.05	7.50	7.50	7.14	8.36	8.07	7.00	8.50	8.50	7.00	8.50	8.38	8.40	9.90	10.00
" loin ..	"	8.83	10.22	10.22	9.14	10.50	10.50	9.00	10.50	10.57	9.00	10.50	10.50	10.70	11.90	12.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	11.50	11.50	10.00	11.50	11.50	10.07	11.50	11.50	9.00	10.50	10.50	11.30	12.90	12.90
" leg ..	"	9.94	11.50	11.50	10.50	11.93	11.93	10.43	12.00	12.00	10.40	12.00	13.00	11.40	13.00	13.00
Pork, leg ..	"	15.10	15.10	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.20	15.00	15.00
" loin ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.80	16.80
" chops ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.86	17.86	17.86	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.80	17.20	17.60
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.91	..	..	216.82	..	..	210.01	..	..	217.84	..	..	171.55	..
(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.																
(b) Based on 1000 ft. of space.																

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1947 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.93	4.93	4.93	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.20	7.20	7.20	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	33.10	27.75	27.75	33.75	27.14	27.14	33.00	27.40	27.40	33.40	28.00	28.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.25	13.20	13.20	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.86	13.86	13.86	13.80	14.10	14.10	13.75	13.75	13.75
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.43	8.29	8.29	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.75	3.75	3.92	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.75	3.92	3.92	4.25	4.25	4.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.93	12.36	12.36	12.43	13.74	13.74	13.74	13.00	13.20	13.20	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.95	9.95	9.95	10.79	10.79	10.79	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.70	10.70	10.90	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.56	14.56	14.56	14.88	14.90	14.90	15.92	15.75	15.75	15.50	15.88	15.88	15.50	15.50	15.50
Pears, canned ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.38	15.50	15.50	16.33	16.17	16.17	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.67	15.67	15.67
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.36	10.36	10.36	7.96	7.96	7.96	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.83	3.50	3.50	3.21	3.43	3.43	2.50	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.17
Soap ..	lb.	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.43	7.43	7.48	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.84	7.84	7.84
Kerosene ..	quart	4.91	4.91	4.91	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.91	5.91	5.91	5.55	5.68	5.68	5.88	5.88	5.88
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.14	21.14	21.14	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.50	20.50	20.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	16.33	16.33	16.33	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.60	28.50	28.50	19.00	20.83	23.00	19.17	21.50	24.50	17.20	18.60	19.60	19.38	21.00	21.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.10	20.10	20.10	20.50	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.40	10.30	10.30	9.88	9.88	9.88
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.43	7.43	7.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.50	12.50	12.50	11.29	11.93	12.57	10.86	11.42	11.50	12.40	12.80	12.80	11.00	11.67	12.00
" rib ..	"	9.50	10.50	10.50	11.14	11.36	11.00	10.07	10.67	10.79	10.00	11.00	11.00	9.00	9.67	9.67
" steak, rump ..	"	16.00	17.00	17.00	15.64	16.36	17.21	17.64	18.36	18.50	15.90	16.70	16.50	16.50	17.33	17.33
" chuck ..	"	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.43	10.86	11.36	12.14	13.00	13.00	9.10	9.40	9.40	10.33	11.17	11.17
" sausages ..	"	7.56	7.56	7.78	7.71	7.71	8.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.50	12.50	12.50	12.07	12.57	12.57	12.14	13.00	13.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	12.00	12.00
" brisket ..	"	8.50	9.50	9.50	9.93	10.57	10.14	10.21	10.93	11.00	8.90	10.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	10.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.50	11.00	12.00	10.43	10.93	11.93	10.64	11.00	11.93	10.70	10.70	10.90	11.17	11.33	12.17
" forequarter ..	"	6.00	6.50	7.00	6.93	7.14	7.29	7.57	8.07	8.50	5.90	6.20	6.50	5.83	6.33	6.83
" loin ..	"	9.30	9.95	10.40	9.64	9.79	10.07	10.21	10.64	10.93	9.10	9.60	9.70	9.67	10.67	11.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	10.95	11.50	10.50	11.07	11.57	11.64	12.43	12.71	9.80	10.50	10.70	10.00	11.00	11.50
" leg ..	"	11.00	11.50	12.40	10.64	10.93	12.14	11.57	11.86	12.86	10.60	11.00	11.40	11.67	12.17	13.17
Pork, leg ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.14	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.79	15.17	15.17	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.71	15.71	15.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	241.43	..	..	98.07	..	..	179.12	..	..	180.63	..	..	189.95	..

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

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Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.50	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	33.00	28.93	28.93	34.93	27.50	27.50	33.50	27.25	27.25	33.25	28.00	28.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.38	14.30	14.40	14.61	16.36	16.50	13.86	15.38	15.50	13.08	14.63	15.63	14.00	15.00	15.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.88	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.07	14.07	14.07	13.38	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.38	13.38	13.60	13.60	13.60
Currants ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.88	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	15.50	15.50	15.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	16.17	16.33	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Pears, canned ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	17.17	17.33	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.38	17.38	17.38
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.00	9.00	9.13	8.85	8.85	8.85	9.40	9.40	9.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.90	2.90	2.90	3.75	3.57	3.57	3.17	3.25	3.25	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.30	3.20	3.20
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.42	7.50	7.50	7.42	7.42	7.33	7.67	7.60	7.60
Kerosene ..	quart	5.88	5.88	5.88	7.81	7.81	7.81	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.63	6.63	6.63
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.42	18.42	18.42	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.00	28.00	28.00	28.14	30.29	30.29	20.00	24.00	24.00	24.75	25.50	26.00	20.60	24.60	24.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.71	21.71	21.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.95	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.38	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" sausages ..	"	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.0	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.80	11.00	11.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	11.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.86	9.50	9.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00
" leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00
Pork, leg ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" chops ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	239.00			271.65			226.42			246.44			267.67		

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 1st OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1947: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1947.

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.60	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.00	33.00	27.00	27.00	33.00	27.00	27.00	33.00	27.10	27.10	33.10	27.13	27.13	33.13
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago (a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.00	10.00	10.05	9.64	9.64	9.79	9.50	9.50	9.60	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.63	10.63	10.88
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.86	7.79	7.86	7.90	7.90	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.88	8.88	8.88
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.71	12.57	12.57	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.80	10.80	10.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.25	11.25	11.25
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.93	14.93	14.93	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.83	14.83	14.83	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.67	15.67	15.67
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.31	15.31	15.31	15.42	15.42	15.42	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	16.50	16.50	16.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.40	10.40	10.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	4.30	4.33	3.50	4.13	4.00	3.58	2.90	2.90	3.50	3.75	3.67	3.88	3.67	3.67	3.75
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.72	6.72	6.72	6.59	6.62	6.62	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.29	7.29	7.29
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.75	15.75	15.75	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	24.00	28.00	28.38	24.00	28.00	28.00	26.00	29.00	28.50	24.00	28.00	28.00	25.75	28.67	29.67
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.25	21.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.45	10.45	10.50	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.63	10.75
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	6.86	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.10	14.00	13.90	12.57	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" rib ..	"	12.00	12.00	11.90	10.86	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.90	18.90	18.90	17.43	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chuck ..	"	12.10	12.00	11.90	10.43	10.71	10.71	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" sausages ..	"	8.78	8.78	8.67	8.29	8.43	8.43	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.67	8.67	8.67	10.33	10.33	10.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	14.20	14.00	13.90	11.71	12.29	12.29	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.67	11.67	11.67	13.67	13.67	13.67
" brisket ..	"	11.75	11.50	11.50	10.29	10.57	10.57	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.67	12.67	12.67
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.85	11.75	11.85	10.83	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
" forequarter ..	"	7.80	7.65	7.65	7.08	7.67	7.57	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
" loin ..	"	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.08	10.50	10.43	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
" chops, loin ..	"	11.75	11.75	11.75	10.83	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
" leg ..	"	12.65	12.65	12.65	10.83	11.07	11.07	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pork, leg ..	"	14.40	14.20	14.20	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin ..	"	14.40	14.20	14.20	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops ..	"	14.40	14.20	14.20	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	252.26	252.26	252.26	238.24	238.24	238.24	214.51	214.51	214.51	193.77	193.77	193.77	204.78	204.78	204.78

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter 1936. See also

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,696
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,848	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 85 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chem- icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Food- stuffs and To- bacco.	Goods princi- pally Im- ported. (a)	Goods princi- pally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	b 1,348	1,782	b 1,257	b 1,412
1943-44—										
January ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
February ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,269	1,815	1,208	1,386
March ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
April ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,289	1,832	1,215	1,397
May ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June ..	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944-45—										
July ..	1,308	1,696	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,312	1,819	1,239	1,410
August ..	1,308	1,696	1,542	1,429	1,398	1,747	1,306	1,817	1,237	1,408
September ..	1,308	1,696	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,291	1,814	1,225	1,399
October ..	1,308	1,696	1,523	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,288	1,821	1,221	1,397
November ..	1,310	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,289	1,831	1,217	1,398
December ..	1,306	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,290	1,834	1,216	1,395
January ..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,822	1,217	1,396
February ..	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,304	1,830	1,225	1,404
March ..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,314	1,824	1,235	1,408
April ..	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,333	1,835	1,245	1,419
May ..	1,306	1,609	1,525	1,429	1,398	1,748	1,331	1,795	1,249	1,410
June ..	1,306	1,609	1,510	1,406	1,398	1,748	1,346	1,790	1,261	1,417
1945-46—										
July ..	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259	1,417
August ..	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259	1,418
September ..	1,303	1,566	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257	1,415
October ..	1,303	1,566	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249	1,411
November ..	1,303	1,566	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,778	1,246	1,404
December ..	1,303	1,566	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244	1,399
January ..	1,302	1,566	1,511	1,417	1,398	1,762	1,331	1,783	1,244	1,403
February ..	1,302	1,566	1,515	1,417	1,398	1,769	1,328	1,768	1,249	1,403
March ..	1,300	1,566	1,515	1,418	1,398	1,769	1,348	1,786	1,257	1,413
April ..	1,300	1,519	1,540	1,418	1,398	1,783	b 1,370	1,773	b 1,274	b 1,420
May ..	1,300	1,519	1,579	1,418	1,398	1,783	b 1,370	1,774	b 1,275	b 1,421
June ..	1,300	1,519	1,544	1,418	1,398	1,783	b 1,367	1,766	b 1,275	b 1,419
1946-47—										
July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	b 1,356	1,766	b 1,265	b 1,413
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	b 1,343	1,745	b 1,252	b 1,398
September ..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	b 1,340	1,743	b 1,262	b 1,404
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	b 1,348	1,757	b 1,264	b 1,409
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,398	1,787	b 1,379	1,794	b 1,275	b 1,428
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,398	1,788	b 1,376	1,762	b 1,278	b 1,420
January ..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,398	1,795	1,368	1,758	1,279	1,420
February ..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,398	1,796	1,371	1,757	1,294	1,430
March ..	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	1,398	1,803	1,390	1,752	1,310	1,440

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 39 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and to provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	992	1,064
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,014
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1939-40	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940-41	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941-42	1,008	1,158	1,075	1,090	1,176	1,218	1,101
1942-43	1,157	1,273	1,171	1,214	1,249	1,191	1,216
1943-44	1,259	1,327	1,213	1,281	1,298	1,191	1,281
1944-45	1,597	1,318	1,200	1,393	1,367	1,197	1,385
1945-46(b)	1,742	1,335	1,200	1,452	1,390	1,219	1,439
1945-46—(b)							
January	1,894	1,320	1,200	1,499	1,390	1,227	1,480
February	1,832	1,336	1,200	1,484	1,390	1,227	1,467
March	1,819	1,344	1,200	1,483	1,390	1,227	1,466
April	1,819	1,344	1,200	1,483	1,390	1,227	1,468
May	1,811	1,344	1,200	1,480	1,390	1,227	1,466
June	1,813	1,344	1,200	1,481	1,391	1,227	1,466
1946-47—(b)							
July	1,817	1,329	1,200	1,475	1,391	1,227	1,461
August	1,843	1,312	1,200	1,477	1,410	1,227	1,463
September	1,850	1,542	1,200	1,584	1,413	1,227	1,558
October	1,836	1,588	1,200	1,600	1,413	1,227	1,572
November	1,832	1,667	1,200	1,634	1,413	1,227	1,602
December	1,842	1,667	1,200	1,638	1,413	1,227	1,606
January	1,833	1,712	1,200	1,656	1,419	1,227	1,621
February	1,844	1,758	1,200	1,680	1,399	1,227	1,645
March	1,841	1,789	1,200	1,693	1,404	1,227	1,656

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1944-45.		1945-46.		1946-47.	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1933-34	959	896	July	1,236	1,234	1,350	1,342	1,665	1,636
1934-35	741	753	August	1,258	1,255	1,346	1,338	1,703	1,670
1935-36	942	946	September	1,283	1,279	1,364	1,355	1,839	1,853
1936-37	1,155	1,144	October	1,312	1,305	1,369	1,360	1,985	1,933
1937-38	1,024	1,022	November	1,300	1,294	1,369	1,360	2,082	2,024
1938-39	821	834	December	1,300	1,295	1,517	1,497	2,142	2,080
1939-40	964	980							
1940-41	1,026	1,039	January	1,317	1,311	1,526	1,506	2,215	2,147
1941-42	1,047	1,059	February	1,312	1,307	1,543	1,522	2,288	2,216
1942-43	1,137	1,142	March	1,321	1,314	1,576	1,552	2,347	2,270
1943-44	1,169	1,171	April	1,333	1,326	1,580	1,556	..	..
1944-45	1,304	1,298	May	1,328	1,319	1,585	1,561	..	..
1945-46	1,476	1,459	June	1,342	1,335	1,584	1,560	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

Section IX.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX—NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

* (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (b)	Percentage of Unem- ployment among Trade Union- ists.
	Food and Grocer- ies.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (a)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Items of House- hold Ex- pendi- ture. "C" Series.			
Year—									%
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	(c) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914 ..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 ..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928 ..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932 ..	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,457	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938 ..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939 ..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1941 ..	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942 ..	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943 ..	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,300	1,231	1.1
1944 ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945 ..	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946 ..	1,852	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	1.4
Quarter—									
1937.									
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March ..	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June ..	1,672	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March ..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June ..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March ..	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June ..	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March ..	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June ..	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,703	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March ..	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June ..	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June ..	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March ..	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June ..	1,854	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March ..	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June ..	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December ..	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March ..	1,853	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June ..	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,250	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September ..	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,299	1,776	1,902	2,378	1,250	1.4
December ..	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,918	2,507	1,307	1.4
1947.									
March ..	1,915	1,596	1,785	2,305	1,796	1,933	..	..	1.4

(a) See footnote (c) on page 83.

(b) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(c) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1945.
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,709,462	3,332,577	3,592,862	3,714,16
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,771	3,700,16
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,420,994	6,552,606	7,132,633	7,414,32
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	160,56
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.95	21.7
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	70,23
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	9.5
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	40,869	38,882	75,148	62,82
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.58	8.5
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1945-46.(b)
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	11,422
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	142,416
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	12.44
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,943
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	25,773
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	13.22
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	699,114
Yield '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	11,117
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	15.96
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	235,723
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,723
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	24.30
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	2,757
Yield '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	3,493
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.27
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(c) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	176,068
Yield '000 tons	(c) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	645,141
Average yield tons	(c) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.66
Sugar-cane—Area (d) '000 acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	235,679
Yield '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,718
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	20.02
Vineyards—Area '000 acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739 (e)	128,855
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045 (e)	14,419
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(f) 15,519	(f) 16,988	(f) 23,835	(f) 23,774	(f) 81,890	49,714	62,412 (e)	72,049
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,265
Cattle " "	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	13,874
Sheep " "	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	96,936
Pigs " "	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,426
Wool production (g) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,158	939,360
Butter " "	(h) 42,315	(i) 103,747	(i) 212,074	(i) 267,071	391,249	375,494	336,237	336,237
Cheese " "	(h) 10,131	(i) 11,845	(i) 15,887	(i) 32,653	31,423	67,520	91,836	91,836
Bacon and ham " "	(h) 16,772	(i) 34,021	(i) 53,335	(i) 58,626	71,122	95,119	108,877	108,877
Total net value of—								
pastoral production £'000	f 29,538	(f) 39,256	(f) 36,890	(f) 72,883	(f) 119,399	{ 43,025	85,358 (e)	98,374
dairying production £'000								
	22,564	34,344 (e)	46,183					
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1945.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	7,031
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	4,928
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	2,285
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	759
Zinc ..	..	3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,481
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,802
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	32,341
					1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1945-46.
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber								
sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(h)	(h)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	(e) 825,575
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	31,046
Hands employed ..				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	753,427
Wages paid .. £'000	(j)	(j)	(j)	27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	205,838
Value of production ..				51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	354,356
Total value of output ..				133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	869,388

(a) At 31st December.

(c) 1944-45.
December.

(f) Gross value.

(g) In terms of greasy.

(h) Not available.

(i) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

(d) Productive cane.

(e) Years ended

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1945-46.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No. '000 tons	3,284 2,549	3,778 4,726	4,028 6,542	4,174 9,985	3,111 9,081	3,057 11,396	2,544 10,768	2,371 10,693
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea £'000	29,067	37,711	42,434	66,968	103,066	44,713	152,005	156,781
Per head .. £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	21/5/11	21/3/0
Exports—Oversea £'000	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	85,843	134,927	178,316
Per head .. £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	18/18/1	24/1/1
Total—Oversea trade £'000	56,595	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	286,932	335,097
Per head .. £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	40/4/0	45/4/1
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	(b) 55,551	76,919
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/8	10/7/6
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS								
(c)—								
Wool—Quantity (d) '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	916,144
Value .. £'000	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	69,260
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	12,484
Value .. £'000	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	6,223
Flour—Quantity '000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	519
Value .. £'000	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	11,337
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	137,611
Value .. £'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	12,782
Hides and skins .. "	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	11,833
Tallow Inedible .. "	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	303
Meats .. "	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	14,005
Timber (undressed) .. "	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	599
Gold .. "	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	26,411
Silver and lead .. "	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	4,469
Copper .. "	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	(e) 1,049
Coal .. "	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	98
OVERSEAS RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,213
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	329,968
Gross revenue .. "	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	70,176
Working expenses .. "	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	59,735
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	85.12
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	(f) 932,143
Per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	(f) 125.77
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974	(f) 184,860
Per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.64	25.50	21.30	24.94	(f) 24.94
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS(g)—								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(h) 214	197	167	166
Coin and bullion held .. "</								

(a) Import and export value are in British currency. Imports are recorded in British currency; the recorded values for exports were:—1931-32, £A.109,034,000; 1941-42, £A.108,977,000; and 1945-46, £A.223,288,000, *vide* page 18.

(b) Excludes Special War Tax of 10 per cent. on amount of Customs Duties on all goods entered for home consumption and after 3rd May, 1940.

(c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes Australian currency.

(d) In terms of greasy. (e) Includes Copper Base Alloys. (f) 1944-45. (g) Figures for the three years are averages for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter.

(h) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (j) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June.

